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DRURY LANE THEATRE.

THE Play of *The Two Gentlemen of Verona* was repeated at this Theatre yesterday evening, and attracted a numerous audience. The Pantomime followed.

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LAST night this house was well attended in every part to witness the performance of *The Merry Wives of Windsor*, and the new comic Pantomime.

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THIS Evening, *Othello*, (in which Mr. Stuart will repeat his personation of *Iago*,) and the new Spectacle of *The World of Dreams*.

QUEEN'S.—This Theatre has been crowded during the week; the performances being *Hester Malpas*, *Ten Thousand a Year*, and the Pantomime of *Jacky Jingle; or, Harlequin and the Magic Horseshoe*. At this holiday season it is unnecessary to notice aught but the Pantomime, the more especially as the style of Domestic Drama in vogue here does not particularly recommend itself to our notice. The concoctor of this Pantomime is Nelson Lee, who has supplied the materials to several Theatres. It is not, on the whole, so good as that at the Olympic, but it nevertheless contains a few capital passing hits, some of the most telling ones being levelled at the enormous interest charged by the loan societies, the accidents on the railways, &c. Mr. Fuller is a good bustling Clown, with more quaintness than broad humour; Mr. Ambrook a neat Harlequin; Mr. Linch, a *too youthful* Pantaloon; and Miss Rose, a quiet unobtrusive Columbine. A heavy gentleman, named Worwood, who postured in the character of a fiery Sprite, performed some difficult but not pleasing evolutions, with an unaccountable mixture of clumsiness and activity. We cannot omit awarding our unqualified praise to the beautiful Diorama, which has been painted by Mr. C. J. James; it comprises a series of marine views, commencing at Portsmouth, and terminating with the bombardment of Canton. We hesitate not to say that the colouring, the happy mixture of light and shade, the individuality of the figures, and the liquid transparency of the water, place Mr. James on the highest pinnacle of artistical fame, and entitle his works to a much more extended sphere than the stage of the Queen's Theatre.

Signor Tamburini.—We have been requested by Signor Tamburini to state, as several inaccurate versions are current as to his non-appearance in England during the next season at her Majesty's Theatre, that the director having passed through Paris, and treated with certain artists of last year's company, excepting Signor Tamburini, the latter not receiving any intimation, direct or indirect, of a wish to re-engage, entered into engagements for Italy, for which he departs on the close of the Opera season in Paris, at the end of Lent. Signor Tamburini deeply regrets

his separation from this country, where his earnest desire would have been to return. It is true that certain propositions were submitted to Signor Tamburini after Mr. Lumley's return from Italy to Paris, but it was then too late, as the former had already entered into fresh engagements, which, of course, he considers himself bound to fulfil, however he may regret that the offers of Mr. Lumley did not arrive at an earlier period.

George Colman being once asked if he were acquainted with Theodore Hook, replied, "Oh yes; Hook and I (*eye*) are old associates."

Jack Bannister, praising the hospitalities of the Irish, after his return from a trip to the sister kingdom, was asked if he had ever been at *Cork*? "No," replied the wit, "but I have seen a great many *drawings* of it."

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Harmony, Mr MACREADY,
Captain Irwin, Mr Anderson, Hammond, Mr Waldron
Porter, Mr Hughes, Edward, Miss Vining,
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N O R M A.

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Norma..(a Druidess)..Miss ADELAIDE KEMBLE,
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VICTORIA.—The highly successful Drama, entitled *Susan Hopley*, was performed for the hundredth time here on Saturday last, and received the undiminished applause of a crowded audience. This Drama was followed by another of the same school, though of a previous date—*Robert Macaire*, the distinguishing feature of which was the admirable dancing of Mr. Gardner, who with considerable grace and extraordinary agility performed a *pas seul*, in which he was encored. This was followed by a grand Pantomime, called *Peter Wilkins*. The Harlequin (Mr. Chapino,) is one of average merit; the Columbine, though youthful and wanting in power, compensated for her deficiency by a knowledge of her art. The Clown, (Mr. Scarbrow,) if he lacked comicality, was quite at home in the business of the stage, and the Pantaloon (Morelli,) who last year occupied the same station at Covent Garden, is perhaps the best of his numerous competitors. *Apropos*, the Pantaloon originally engaged for the last-named establishment (Mr. Ireland,) had the misfortune, while performing an evolution at rehearsal, to injure himself so severely, that the management was compelled at the eleventh hour to select a Pantaloon from the ranks of the dancers, and the choice fell on a young but inexperienced, (as far as the business of Pantomime is involved,) *artiste*, who has succeeded beyond the most sanguine expectations of the visitors of that establishment. But to return to *Peter Wilkins*. The scenery is of a class seldom witnessed at a minor house, especially what is termed "the magnificent descent of the Air King," which well deserved its adjective title; a transformation also demands favorable notice—that of a *Kingfisher's* egg, which is metamorphosed into a young Prince of Wales. Altogether the Pantomime does the highest credit to the management for its liberality and taste.. The house on this occasion, being, as we before stated, the hundredth night of *Susan Hopley*, was illuminated. The performances have attracted crowds nightly.

Wilson has made an exceedingly happy hit in his Lectures on Scottish music, at the Music Hall, Store-street, Bedford-square, which has been crowded every night. The early part of last week many of the nobility attended; and, on Tuesday evening, Major Burns, son of Robert Burns, witnessed Wilson's illustrations of his immortal sire's genius. There is not a man more capable of doing justice to the subjects, and we heartily wish him, in the absence or a theatrical engagement, (which he should not want,) a continuation of the success he has met with.

We regret to hear that Sheridan Knowles is seriously indisposed, in consequence of which a lecture which he was to have given on Thursday last was postponed.

Henri Herz, the pianist and composer, was married at Paris last week to Mademoiselle Blanche Lachmanow.

The Merchant of Venice was first printed in 1600; the same year as *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. The following quaint title was appended to the work;—"The excellent history of *The Merchant of Venice*. With the extreme cruelty of *Shylocke* the Jew towards the said Merchant, in cutting a just pound of his flesh. And the obtaining of *Portia* by the choyce of three caskets. Written by W. Shakespeare."

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Shylock, Mr MACREADY,
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Prospects of the approaching Opera Season.—Public curiosity is naturally on the *qui vive* as the time approaches when this favorite place of resort will again be thrown open to the fashionable public. It will be interesting to our readers, therefore, to examine the different rumours which are current, with the view to present all the correct information which has transpired. It is said that Mr. Lumley has been endeavouring to persuade by golden arguments Donizetti to write a new Opera, to be produced under the celebrated *maestro's* own direction. This we believe to be true, and that an opera composed expressly for the company, similar to that of the *Puritani*, will be forthcoming. We are next told that he has secured the services of Moriani. Although offers may have been made to Poggi and La Frezzolini, we doubt whether the prior engagements of each of these *artistes* will not prevent their visiting either Paris or London for two seasons to come; besides the simultaneous expense of two *primi tenori*, such as Moriani and Poggi, would be superfluous; and it is well known that Frezzolini expressly stipulates for the engagement of her husband with herself. Mr. Lumley has, however, succeeded in retaining the following singers:—M^{de}. Molteni, and Signors Santi, Guasco, and George Ronconi. These will be new to this country, and Ronconi is now by far the finest barytone, as well as the best actor, Italy can boast of. M^{de}. Molteni is a young *prima donna* of much promise, as well as an actress of great talent. Her engagement is dated from the 20th of February to the 15th of August. Santi is a bass of good pretensions, and Guasco, a tenor, with a melodious fresh voice, and a singer of considerable acquirements. Grisi, Persiani, Mario, and Lablache, will return; Tamburini goes to Italy; Pauline Viardot's indifferent health renders her engagement doubtful. Rubini has promised to sing for a limited number of nights, for which he is to receive £1,000. Cerito will certainly appear in the month of May; and Carlotta Grisi, and her husband, Perrot, are both retained, but not to lead the ballet *before* Easter, as erroneously stated. Guy Stephen is again engaged. Worn out Operas are to be

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Shylock, Mr MACREADY,
Tubal, Mr WALDRON, Launcelot Gobbo, Mr COMPTON,
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Naples.—(*From a Correspondent*.)—The principal musical event that has recently occurred in this city, has been the *début* of an English lady, Miss Emma Bingley, at the Real Teatro del Fondo, in the character of *Amina*, in *La Somnabula*, and the success of her subsequent performances has been as brilliant as her first appearance. This is a trying scene of action for a native; for a foreigner it is hazardous in the

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Harmony, Mr MACREADY,

Captain Irwin, Mr Anderson, Hammond, Mr Waldron

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AN OLD PLAYGOER.

[We admit this letter on the ground that we wish to give a clear stage and no favour to any particular individual. Despite of the rough and homely language of our correspondent, we fear there is some truth in his conclusions, though his tone is neither courteous or temperate.]—*Ed. T. O.*

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Shylock, Mr MACREADY,
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Old Gobbo, Mr W. BENNETT, Clerk of the Court, Mr BENDER,
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Bottom (the Weaver) Mr HARLEY,
Quince, (the Carpenter) Mr BARTLEY,
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Doings at Drury Lane.—Never on earth were there such doings behind scenes as at T. R. D. L. in this season, 1841-2. Overcharging carpenters, overbearing managers—overrated "*production*"-ists, underpaid actors, and underbred officials:—

Swearing to do a thing when bile's afloat,

Is easier than afterwards essaying it;

Just as to *sign* a promissory note

Is not so difficult as *paying* it.

It appears that the best Pantomime that could be produced should be produced. Properties that cost a considerable sum, and fit for anything, dresses that cost as much, and would fit nobody,—were made and cast away.

"At last, in spite of bungling and confusion," the bill was issued—the Pantomime produced—but, as Moore pathetically says

"There comes a time, a dreary time,"

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DRURY LANE THEATRE.

MOORE'S maudlin Tragedy of *The Gamester* was revived here last night with an ineffective cast. This Play has only been dragged from obscurity when acting of the highest order was to be found to do justice to it. At Covent Garden, a few seasons ago, it was revived for Mr. Young's matchless personation of *Beverley*, and Miss Fanny Kemble's appearance in *Mrs. Beverley*;—her most successful part. Mr. Macready's morose and irascible assumption of *Beverley*, yesterday evening, was rewarded by a call before the curtain at the conclusion of the Play. To Phelps we can render our most unqualified approbation; his performance of *Stukely* we regard as one of the most perfect personations on the stage; the cold and circumspect villainy of the character, his frigid attention to all the outward shows and courtesies of life, while he is concocting a plot in which to engulf his unfortunate victim, richly merited the applause which was lavished on him.

Mrs. Warner's conception of *Mrs. Beverley* was faultless, and in the scene in which she repels the advances of *Stukely*, she was energetic and impressive, converting the common-place of Moore into the highest romance of Tragedy. Elton converted old *Jarvis* into a blubbing twaddler. Miss Ellis and Miss Turpin acted *Charlotte* and *Lucy* remarkably well; the former giving an excellent reading to the character, which she acted with graceful propriety.—The house was tolerably full.

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ENGLISH OPERA HOUSE.

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ADELPHI.—Judging from the crowded houses at this Theatre nightly, no change in the performance is either contemplated or desired at present. The entertainments this week are *Barnaby Rudge*, the capital Burlesque on *Norma*, and the Pantomime. We have before noticed these pieces, but we cannot resist again bestowing our meed of praise upon O. Smith's artistical assumption of black *Hugh*, of the Maypole, whose dogged brutality and savage bearing he cleverly mingles with his ignorance, which is the only palliative for his wrong-doing. There is an alteration in the cast, Mr. Yates having resigned the characters of *Mr. Chester* and *Miss Miggs* into the hands of Cullenford and Miss Gower, the latter of whom acts her part with some cleverness.

The Glee Club.—This social and harmonious society held its second meeting on Saturday,—Sir Felix Booth in the chair, and Mr. Horseley vice-president.

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Clock-Chimes.—As his Royal Highness Prince Albert will lay the first stone of the New Royal Exchange, on Monday next, it may not be

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OLYMPIC.—Boxes, pit and gallery, (the latter of which has been enlarged,) were last night crowded to excess by an uproarious holiday audience. The tide of success has undoubtedly set in at this well conducted Theatre. The popularity of *Sixteen String Jack* is in no way diminished, though it has been acted upwards of fifty consecutive nights. Mark Lemon's clever Farce of *The Little Gipsy* followed, in which Miss Fitzjames personated Miss Fortescue's part with some *naïveté*, but left us cause to regret the unaffected simplicity and pure feeling of the original. Mr. Wild, as the tinker, revelled in his fun, and kept the house in one continued roar of laughter. The Pantomime is, as we have before stated, a most excellent one, and T. Matthews is the Prince of Clowns. He was encored in Balfe's song, "The Life of a Clown," when he gave "Hot Codlings," which was also encored, and "Tippytywitchet," being then called for, he sang it with a good deal of broad humour. A new Farce, entitled *Bathing*, in which Mr. Wild and Miss LeBatt have the principal characters, is in preparation.

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ENGLISH OPERA HOUSE.

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Liszt.—A Berlin letter informs us that, in the evening of the 5th instant, the Count de Redern gave a grand Concert, which was honoured with the presence of the King, Queen, and Royal family of Prussia. Madame Ungher Sabatier, Liszt, Ernst, and Haumann, were among the performers. An unpublished quatuor, for the piano, violin, alto, and violoncello, composed by Prince Louis Ferdinand of Prussia, was executed by Liszt, Ernst, Gans, sen., and Richter. On the 9th, Liszt was to give his last concert at the Royal Singing Academy, were the above quatuor was to be performed for the first time in public. On the 10th, Liszt was to leave Berlin for St. Petersburg, where he was to remain for six weeks, and then go to Moscow.

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ENGLISH OPERA HOUSE.

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THE second Juvenile Night was given on Saturday at this Theatre, to a numerous audience. The entertainments were *The World of Dreams*, *Foreign Affairs*, and *The Boarding School*. The new Comedy of *Marriage*, which is announced to be produced on Thursday next is, we understand, from the pen of an amateur author. The engagement of Mr. C. Kean and Miss Ellen Tree will commence in May, when Sheridan Knowles's new Play will be ready. Mr. J. Webster has left this Theatre, and commences an engagement at Sadler's Wells to-night.

ADELPHI.—In consequence of the immense attraction of *Barnaby Rudge*, *Norma*, and the Pantomime, the same entertainments are to be repeated here the whole of this week.

OLYMPIC.—Mr. T. Matthews had sufficiently recovered from his accident as to resume his part in the new Pantomime on Saturday evening. The new Farce, entitled *Bathing*, will be produced on Monday next.

BATTS'S CIRCUS.—The lions, tigers, &c. will only be exhibited to-night, to-morrow, and Wednesday, when they are to be sold by auction. A colossal performing elephant will make its appearance to-night.

Mr. C. Alworthy, an actor at the Garrick Theatre, was brought to the London Hospital on Friday night, having received a severe injury on the face by the discharge of a pistol too close to him, while enacting a melo-dramatic part. The powder and wadding burned his face in a serious manner, but not so dangerously as to cause any serious apprehensions of his recovery.

The approaching Opera Season.—Notwithstanding the doubt which has been thrown upon the engagement of La Frezzolini and Poggi, we

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Demetrius, (Hermia,) Mr BRINDAL,
Bottom (the Weaver) Mr HARLEY,
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ENGLISH OPERA HOUSE.

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Conductor, *Mr Benedict.* The Scenery, *by the Messrs. Grieve.*

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Elena Uberti, and the Pantomime, were performed here, last night, to a house crowded in every part.

DRURY LANE THEATRE.

The Point of Honor was revived at this Theatre, last night, but previous to the rising of the curtain, Mr. Serle, the acting-manager, (who appeared, in answer to the call for " God Save the Queen," to promise that it should be sung at the end of the Play,) addressed the audience, and stated that Miss Helen Faucit had been taken ill in her carriage, and had been compelled to return home. Miss Ellis, therefore, kindly undertook the part of *Bertha* at a minute's notice. The performance did not commence till half-past seven, which caused great disapprobation. Phelps, as *St. Franc*, fully established his reputation as a first rate tragedian; his acting is always forcible when he has to deal with a part worthy of his talent; and in the scene where he is addressing his son, as yet unknown to him, the thrilling burst of affection with which he rushes into his son's arms, on discovering him, was both natural and powerful; he received the loudest applause. Anderson, though a respectable declaimer, was a poor substitute for C. Kemble, as *Durimel*. Mr. Hudson did not seem to understand whether he was to render *Valcour* a fop or a light comedy character, and his acting was therefore uneven and faulty. Mrs. Warner performed *Mrs. Melfort* with a dignified and matronly deportment, but the part was not equal to her great abilities. Miss Ellis's acting as *Bertha*, considering the short notice on which she took the part, was more than creditable; it will enhance her reputation in no small degree, and will convince the public that she can display a force and energy, which we have before stated she possessed, but upon which some were sceptical; her reading was faultless.

A new Farce, entitled *The Windmill*, was then produced, to afford an opportunity for the display of the excellent acting of Mr. and Mrs. Keeley, for whom it has evidently been written. It reminded us very much of *The Loan of a Lover*, and though the incidents are not new, the piece was successful. Mr. Morris Barnett made his first appearance at this Theatre as an old profligate French Marquis, but he failed in making any impression in the part. The whole weight of the piece, however, rested upon Mr. and Mrs. Keeley, who acted with a mixture of pathos and fun, and displayed so nice a discrimination in the portrayal of their affections, that would have rendered any piece tolerable.

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was displayed to great advantage,) there were loud calls for "God Save the Queen," the shouts for which were not allayed by the orchestra's efforts to play the national anthem. After some time had elapsed, Mr. Webster appeared, dressed for his character in the afterpiece, and spoke as follows: "Ladies and Gentlemen,—No man is more loyal than I am; but mine is not an operatic company, and is only constituted with a view to the adequate representation of Tragedy, Comedy, and Farce; notwithstanding which we will sing "God Save the Queen," with all our hearts." After the applause, with which this address was greeted, had subsided, the national anthem was well sung, Miss Mattley taking the first and last verse, and the second being sung as a trio by Mr. Webster, Miss Mattley, and Miss Partridge. The whole audience then rose and gave three hearty cheers for the Queen, after which *The World of Dreams* was allowed to proceed.—The house was very well attended.

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OLYMPIC.—This Theatre has been crowded every night during the week, and it has been found necessary to throw open such of the private boxes as are unlet, for the accommodation of the box visitors. *Sixteen String Jack*, *My Man Tom*, and the Pantomime, are performed every evening.

Additional Verse to "God Save the Queen,"

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God bless her Royal heir !
 Make him, O Lord, thy care,
 As she hath been.
 Justly his course be run,
 Justly our love be won ;
 And, long to bless Sire and son,
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THE HUMBLE PETITION

Of the Mortals in the Pit to the Gods in the Gallery.

Ye Gods, who, in the Gallery sit,
 Above us mortals in the Pit,
 Who, most submissively petition,
 That you will pity our condition,
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Lest it should light upon his head :
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Tubal, Mr WALDRON, Launcelot Gobbo, Mr COMPTON,
Old Gobbo, Mr W. BENNETT, Clerk of the Court, Mr BENDER,
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COVENT GARDEN THEATRE.

ANOTHER repetition of *Norma*, and the Pantomime, yesterday evening, caused this Theatre to be crammed in every part. Madame Vestris's success is as great as it is merited, and should the new Comedy of *The Irish Heiress*, from the pen of Mr. Bourcicault, which is to be produced on Wednesday next, prove as successful as the green-room opinion of its merits anticipates, the management will be richly repaid for its perseverance and liberality in the cause of the English Drama. We understand that the next Opera in which Miss Kemble is to appear will be Mozart's *Marriage of Figaro*, the cast of which will also include Madame Vestris, Miss Rainforth, G. Horncastle, Leffler, Stretton, and Clement White. The production of this Opera will at once silence the senseless outcry which has been raised in certain coteries at Miss Kemble's non-appearance in Operas of a higher order of merit than those of the modern Italian School. During the 38 nights of *Norma* the enormous amount of £20,000 has been received, averaging upwards of £500 per night, which must leave to the management about £250 as a nightly profit.

HAY-MARKET THEATRE.

Town and Country, *The World of Dreams*, and *The Boarding School*, were acted here last evening. Mr. David Rees is the *malade* who has prevented the production of the new five act Comedy, which is announced for positive representation to-morrow evening.

ENGLISH OPERA HOUSE.

It is with regret we observe the Promenade Concert season will terminate to-morrow night, and sorry are we to announce that the exertions of the band will not have met that reward which their abilities have called for. The rage for Musard Concerts here has subsided after as brief an English career as distinguished the papillon Concerts of the Parisian capital, but we do not despair of these amusements reviving, and were vocal entertainments to be judiciously interwoven with instrumental ones, success we are confident would be the result. We have never had genuine *buffo* music introduced at the Promenades. Comic, that is *good* comic songs would be sure to give satisfaction to many frequenters who are listless of the sentimental, and scarcely care for a pretty quadrille. Variety is the great point, and we hope to see entirely new arrangements at a future season. By the way the programme for this evening and to-morrow is an excellent selection ; it embraces a new waltz by Strauss, Auber's overture "*LeMacon*," favorite quadrilles by Musard, a selection from *The Mountain Sylph*, a grand fantasia on *L'Elisire d'Amore* by Orsini, &c.&c. A grand concert will be given next Thursday for the Benefit of Mons. Laurent, sen., the manager, who is preparing a most inviting bill of fare.

THE THEATRICAL OBSERVER.

Death of A. Ducrow, Esq.—(From a Correspondent.)—This admirable artist expired last night, at half-past eight, at his house, 19, York-road, Lambeth. The conflagration at the Amphitheatre, ending in the death of one of his oldest servants, and the destruction of all his theatrical property, gave a terrible shock to his then exhausted frame, so that for a period his reason fled. This malady, however, was in a great degree removed by the treatment of Dr. Sutherland, and he was, until last Friday, in the enjoyment of comparatively good health, visiting the Theatres with his family, and receiving a select circle of friends. A paralytic attack he experienced on Saturday last at once deprived him of speech, and entirely took away the use of his side, from the effects of which he never rallied. Mr. Ducrow was in his 54th year. He was married twice. By his second wife he has left two children, a boy and girl of tender years.

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Theatre Royal, Drury Lane.

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Two Gentlemen & Verona

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Proteus, Mr ANDERSON, Anthonio, Mr W. BENNETT,
Panthino, Mr G. BENNETT, Thurio, Mr COMPTON,
Eglamour, Mr H. MARSTON, Host, Mr YARNOLD,
Speed, Mr H. HALL, Launce, Mr KEELEY, 1st Outlaw, Mr McIAN,
2nd Outlaw, Mr SELBY, 3rd Outlaw, Mr MELLON,
Knight, attendant on the Duke, Mr HARCOURT,
Julia, Miss FORTESCUE, Silvia, Miss ELLIS, Lucetta, Miss TURPIN,

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Sampson Low, Mr KEELEY,

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THE RIVALS.

Sir Anthony Absolute....Mr W. FARREN,
Captain Absolute.....Mr WALTER LACY,
Faulkland..Mr COOPER,
Sir Lucius O' Trigger Mr BROUGHAM,
Acres..Mr HARLEY,
David..Mr MEADOWS, Fag..Mr BRINDAL,
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Mr. Batty’s Sale of Wild Animals.—On Thursday afternoon a novel sale took place in the grounds of the Beehive Tavern, Carter-street, Walworth, in consequence of Mr. Batty, the well-known proprietor of a most valuable collection of wild beasts and other animals, relinquishing his provincial menageries prior to his undertaking the rebuilding and proprietorship of Astley’s Amphitheatre. The lots comprised an innumerable stock of animals of all species and countries, and, in general, were sold at considerably less than their value. A sagacious male elephant, trained for public performances in a theatrical arena, and exceedingly docile, sold for £350 guineas.

LINES ON A NATIVE SINGER,

(After hearing Miss Adelaide Kemble,)

As sweet as the bird that by calm Bendemeer

Pours such rich modulations of tone—

As potent, as tender, as brilliant, as clear—

Still her voice has a charm of its own.

For lo ! like the skylark, when after its song

It drops down to its nest from above,

She reminds us her home and her music belong

To the very same soil that we love.

T. HOOD.

Tobin.—Seldom has greater sympathy been excited for any one, than for poor John Tobin, and seldom has such sympathy been more deservedly called for. Tobin was the son of a West India Planter, and was born at Salisbury on the 26th of January, 1770. At the age of 18 he was articled to a solicitor in Lincoln’s Inn, and during his residence in London presented no less than twelve Dramas to the managers, all of which were rejected. In 1804 he was attacked by a consumptive complaint, and proceeded to Cornwall, in the hope of recovering his health. While there,

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The Chorusses under the Direction of Mr J. H. Tully.

Count Ubaldo Mr W. HARRISON,

Sigifredo, Mr LEFFLER,

Count Guido, Mr STRETTON, Gualtiero, Mr WIGAN,

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Elena Uberti, and the Pantomime, attracted another crowded audience to this Theatre on Saturday night. Previous to the Opera Mr. Cooper apologized for a slight hoarseness under which he said Miss Kemble laboured.

HAY-MARKET THEATRE.

ON Saturday night, the long announced Comedy, entitled *Marriage*, was produced with success. It is the first dramatic attempt of Mr. Bell, whose connexion with *The Atlas*, is no small evidence of his literary ability. The great fault of his Play is its unusual length, which, including the prologue and epilogue, extended to nearly half-past eleven. We think, however, that its construction will admit of curtailment without obscuring the plot, and are sure that if this be done judiciously, it will enjoy a long run, for it possesses sterling materials and good scope for acting. The prologue, which was somewhat presumptuous in its tone, was carefully spoken by Mr. Stuart. The following is a sketch of the plot: Clara, (Mrs E. Yarnold,) is left by her father to the guardianship of Baldwin, (Mr. Stuart,) between whom a mutual attachment arises, but his is soon effaced by a more interested passion for Adelaide Temple, (Mrs. Charles Pettingal,) whose more ample fortune will better repair the impoverished means of a determined gamester. To attain his object, therefore, Baldwin secures the assistance of Drouk, (Webster,) whose appearance amply indicates his readiness for deeds of a questionable nature, and this individual undertakes to personate the father of Clara, and to throw her in the way of Sir Henry Vivid, (Mr. Wallack,) who is a lover of women in general, but Adelaide Temple in particular. By an artful scheme this amiable transfer is well nigh being effected, but is at length frustrated by mutual explanation, and by a full atonement from Baldwin, who renounces his propensity for the gaming table, which has apparently not destroyed his character past redemption. This difficult and disagreeable part was inefficiently acted by Mr. Stuart, whose declamation was rant, without the advantages of clear enunciation. There were numerous characters (some of whom were cleverly drawn,) who had no connexion with the plot, the most amusing of which was the *Hon. Cavendish Pause*, admirably acted by Wrench; the quaint qualification "Such as it is," which followed his descriptions of manners and things was provocative of hearty laughter.

Wallack was the *beau ideal* of the gay and generous Baronet; and his courtly deportment and easy self-possession, contrasted strangely with the awkward demeanour of Mr. Stuart. Mr. Webster dressed and acted the part of *Drouk* to perfection; his making up was so admirable, that it was some time before he was recognized by the audience. This character was intended for Mr. David Rees, but as this gentlemen's recent freaks prevent any dependence being placed on him, Mr. Webster, who had

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Bottom (the Weaver) Mr HARLEY,
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The music is by Rodwell, with the exception of two pieces by Halevy, and though some of it is pleasing, it is not on the whole equal to the former compositions of Bishop's favorite pupil ; its chief characteristic is noise ; but an exception must be made in favour of a very original air, sung, with infinite taste, by Mrs. Grattan, (who plays an attendant on *Catarina*,) in which the words of the lover's letter are set to music with considerable judgment and taste, it was loudly encored. Mrs. Yates's acting we need scarcely say was highly effective, and Mrs. Grattan, upon whom nearly the whole weight of the operatic portion of the piece depended, never appeared to greater advantage ; her rich, mellow voice, and *naïve*, yet subdued acting, were charming proofs of that excellence which we predicted on her first appearance here. Maynard spoke very sensibly

a part which was originally intended for O. Smith, and afforded a favourable contrast to Lyon's noisy and inflated bombast. Wright, Bedford, and Wilkinson, each had comic parts, which, however, afforded little opportunity for the display of their humour. The dances were well arranged; but the processions may be advantageously curtailed. The last scene exhibited the real water, and the rescue of the young Prince from drowning, to give effect to which a horseman. mounted on one of Batty's horses, plunges into the stream. There was long applause on the fall of the curtain, and Mr. Yates announced the piece for repetition every evening.

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Welcome, Royal Guest of England !

Welcome, from our hearts we sing !—

Thine own land its Father names thee—

Ours, with pride, its Friend proclaims thee—

God guard Prussia and her noble King !

Honor to the flag so bravely

Raised with ours the world to save !

On through that last struggle glorious,

Side by side they flew victorious—

God grant together they may ever wave !

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May the sacred friendship plighted

At the Font, be never blighted !—

Long live Britain's Queen, and Prussia's King !

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Mr. C. Kean and Miss Ellen Tree.—(*From a Dublin Correspondent.*)—The long-expected marriage of Mr. Charles Kean and Miss E. Tree was solemnized on Saturday morning at St. Thomas's Church. There was not as much of a whisper of this interesting occurrence as would rustle a leaf. On the afternoon of the ceremony the happy pair completed their engagement with our lessee, by playing together in the not inappropriate Comedy of *The Honeymoon*. The general public here wish them every happiness that can arise from so auspicious a union, for both are deserving favourites.

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ENGLISH OPERA HOUSE.

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ADELPHI.—*The Queen of Cyprus* proves immensely attractive. This house is crowded nightly to overflowing.

NEW STRAND.—Mr. Jacobs, the ventriloquist and Wizard has been rewarded with a very liberal share of public support. His feats of legerdemain are clever in the extreme, and his vocal exercises are the best since the zenith of the late Charles Mathews's fame. The entertainments at this magical temple is of as varied a description that it must please all sorts of folks. In addition to the conjuring and ventriloquism, there is a concert, in which popular airs are introduced by select singers.

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Marriage, and the Fairy Spectacle, drew a crowded audience to this Theatre, last night. In consequence of Mr. Wallack's inability to appear this evening, Mr. Webster will take his part of *Sir Harry Vivid*, in the new Comedy of *Marriage*.

The forthcoming two act Comedy at Drury Lane, entitled *The Prisoner of War*, is from the fertile pen of Douglas Jerrold.

Miss Adelaide Kemble.—We have great pleasure in recording the following from a correspondent :—"Mrs. Turner's Concert at the Hanover-square Rooms, on Wednesday, the 26th ult. having proved a failure, Miss Adelaide Kemble most handsomely declined to receive any remuneration whatever for her services on that occasion." The richest reward of merit is the conscious throb of a generous bosom.—*The Musical World*.

Liverpool Theatre Royal.—The new management, (Messrs. Hammond and Anderson,) opened this Theatre on Monday last, "and if," says *The Liverpool Mercury*, "we are to judge by the talent displayed in most departments, the present season will be a most successful one. *Hamlet* was produced with new scenery, dresses, and appointments. Mr. G. V. Brooke, who made his first appearance here as *Hamlet*, is a young man of great promise,—nay, not only of great promise, but even now of sterling abilities. His performance was a masterpiece. With a clear and distinct enunciation, he adds "gracefulness of manner, and an admirable conception of the philosophical *Hamlet*. He plays not to the audience,—he plays not for effect,—he seems to be entirely absorbed in the character, as every actor must be who wishes to arrive at a high place in his profession. Some of his readings are new and original, and we could not help admiring the modesty and dignity—yet familiarity—with which he delivered his address to the players. His encounter with the Ghost was thrilling—every word seemed to have an impression upon him, and the minor details of position and action, the result of much study,

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Mr. Collins, the popular vocalist, has been very successful at Liverpool. His Benefit was announced for last night.

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Adapted & arranged for representation from the *Serenata* of *HANDEL*.

The Poetry, with the exception of the introductory scene, by *GAY*,
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Mr. STANFIELD, R. A. will furnish the Scenic Illustrations.

The Scene is on the Shores of Sicily.

Cupid Miss GOULD,
Acis, a Shepherd Boy Miss P HORTON,
Damon, a Shepherd, Mr ALLEN,
Polyphemus, a Cyclops Mr H. PHILLIPS,
Attendant Cyclops, Messrs. Howell and Montgomery.
Galatea, a Sea-Nymph Miss ROMER,
Sicilian Shepherds—Messrs. J. Reeve, S. Jones, Webster, &c.
Shepherdesses—Mesdames Turpin, Serle, Webster, Froid.

After which, (8th Time) a New Farce, in One Act, called

The Windmill.

The Marquis de Roueville, Mr MORRIS BARNETT,
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Sigifredo, Mr LEFFLER,

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DRURY LANE THEATRE.

A BOLD and successful experiment was made at this Theatre on Saturday, to adapt a sacred overture to dramatic representation. Handel's *Serenata of Acis and Galatea* has been an established favourite in this country for upwards of a century, and most of its melodies are familiar, at least to concert frequenters. We are at a loss to conceive how this mighty composition of Handel, (who was German by birth and by musical education,) can be styled as the "English school" of music, but where the general effect of the production was so excellent, we are not disposed to quarrel with terms. The introduction (skilfully arranged by T. Cooke,) opens with a beautiful marine view of Sicily by moonlight; a distant chorus is heard; Cupid, (Miss Gould,) appears, with Galatea, a Sea Nymph, (Miss Romer,) and after an invocation, the scene changes to a view of Sicily, with Vesuvius in perspective. Here commences the original work of Gay, with the celebrated chorus, "Oh! the pleasures of the plain," which was admirably given. The last scene, the destruction of *Acis*, (Miss P. Horton,) was managed with consummate effect; and when the curtain fell the applause was enthusiastic. Of the vocalists, we can speak in terms of unqualified approbation. Miss Romer sang with that clearness and finish which has earned for her the high reputation she has obtained; she was warmly welcomed back to the boards of the stage, her temporary absence from which caused a gap not easily supplied. Miss P. Horton has added another laurel to her brow by her classical assumption of *Acis*, and by her artistical execution of the music of a tenor singer, which she sang delightfully, without any transposition of the concerted pieces; she gave the delicious air, "Love in her eyes," with a purity and taste that elicited the most hearty approbation. On Miss Gould's first appearance at the English Opera last year we predicted her undoubted capacity to supply the vacancy left by Harriet Cawse's retirement from the stage; and we are much mistaken if her present engagement at this Theatre do not fully justify our opinion of her. She had little to do on Saturday night, but she evinced that thorough knowledge of music, which might be expected from a pupil of John Barnett. Mr. Allen's execution of the music allotted to *Damon* was characterized by great taste and sweetness, and, as might be expected from so accomplished a musician, he eschewed all unmeaning embellishments so

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Tubal, Mr WALDRON, Launcelot Gobbo, Mr COMPTON,
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Marriage, Foreign Affairs, and John Jones, drew an excellent house last night.

ENGLISH OPERA HOUSE.

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Mr. STANFIELD, R. A. will furnish the Scenic Illustrations.

The Scene is on the Shores of Sicily.

Cupid Miss GOULD,

Acis, a Shepherd Boy..... Miss P HORTON,

Damon, a Shepherd, Mr ALLEN,

Polypheumus, a Cyclops Mr H. PHILLIPS,

Attendant Cyclops, Messrs. Howell and Montgomery.

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The Windmill.

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Sampson Low, Mr KEELEY,

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QUEEN'S.—A very clever version of *La Reine de Chypre* has been brought forward here under the title of *The Queen of Cyprus ; or, the Bride of Venice*. Mr. Stirling, who wrote the piece expressly for this Theatre, has shewn his accustomed skill in the adaption of the Drama, and every attention has been bestowed on the scenic arrangements of the active stage-manager, Mr. J. Parry. But the principal features of attraction are the innumerable scenes, (each a gem,) painted by Mr. James. We have never witnessed such superb scenery in a Minor Theatre, as that presented in *The Queen of Cyprus*, at the little house in Tottenham Street. The whole of the scenes are from original paintings by Mr. James, and we may particularize the following as the most beautiful—The Oratory of Caterina looking on the grand canal, with the Bridge of Sighs, in the distance—the Port of Cyprus—Illuminated Gardens—Grand Square—Hall of Audience—and the City of Nicosia. The last scene is admirably managed, considering the smallness of the stage ; it elicited great applause. J. Parry, as *Gerard de Courcy*, played with great tact and spirit. Moss, as *Moscenigo*, Reeves, as the *King*, and Manders, as *Guy*, were very successful, particularly the latter, who must ever be considered one of the best low comedians of the present day. Miss Rogers and Miss Wrighten were very clever in their respective parts—the Queen of Cyprus and the waiting-woman. On the whole we may consider this as one of the most splendid Spectacles hitherto produced by Mr. James, to whom great commendation is due for having employed so clever a dramatist as Stirling. He will find a well written piece more advantageous to his treasury than the trashy productions of a Taylor or a Mildenhall.

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Metropolitan Concerts.—We rejoice to find that there is a prospect of music being heard in its perfect form, during the approaching season; and that the piano-forte system is likely to be thrown into the shade, and we trust oblivion. Miss Fanny Russell, whose capital concert in November last was so well received, purposes giving a grand performance at the Opera house in May, for which, we understand, she has engaged an orchestra of 100, the professional Choral Society amounting to 100, all the principal soloists, all the principal native and foreign singers; Mr. Adams at the organ, and Sir George Smart to conduct.

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ADELPHI.—It is estimated by parties well calculated to judge, that the present season will prove the most successful one that Mr. Yates will have experienced since the palmy days of poor John Reeve. The new grand Spectacle of *The Queen of Cyprus* has made a tremendous hit. *Norma* is still attractive, the Theatre being crammed nightly. By the way, it has been reported that Mr. O. Smith has withdrawn from the *corps* in consequence of his having evinced symptoms of hydrophobia, i. e. refusing to take the *watery* leap in the last scene of the Spectacle. This is not the case; but the real reason is an absurd one. The "Devil," it appears, by a strange anomaly, is a member of the "Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals," and the leaping animal in *The Queen of Cyprus*, refusing to perform the required feat, very cleverly, a stick was applied to its back. This roused the nervous feelings of the "member," and a remonstrance with the gentleman who applied the stick ensued. Somebody told somebody that nobody had a right to interfere, and somebody took himself off in a *devilish* ill-humour. The horse (even granting that it has been ill-used,) is none the worse for its beating, for it continues to perform the feat admirably well, and Mr. Maynard amply compensates for the absence of the fastidious rider.

STRAND.—Mr. Jacobs' clever entertainments terminate this day week, when it is his intention to visit America. We last night visited this little Theatre, and were as much pleased by the evident enjoyment of the audience as by the dexterity and tact of the entertainer. One respectable old gentleman, who sat wonderstruck in the boxes, lent his watch for the performance of a trick, and on being asked at what he valued it, he said 50 guineas. "Then" said Mr. Jacobs, "don't be alarmed, but will you allow me to shoot at it?" "You are such an extraordinarily clever fellow," rejoined the puzzled auditor, amid shouts of laughter, "that I'll allow you to do what you like with it." We observed a number of children in the boxes, for whom this kind of entertainment is peculiarly adapted; although there is much to amuse "children of a larger growth."—The house was exceedingly well attended.

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The Overture and Music (with the exception of an Air by Pacini)
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Mischief, Mr Yarnold, Sir Lionel Breakspear, Mr J. F. Smith,

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From which is seen the Tower of London, and buildings surrounding London Stone

Jack Cade of Asford, Mr C. J. Smith, Bevis, Mr Paulo.

Arrival of the Rebels—Attack on the Tavern, & Murder of Sir Humphrey Stafford,

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As seen from the Court of the Silver Lions with a view of the College of Eat-on.

Sir Lazarus Skelton, Mr Howell, Shadow Skelton, Mr Stilt,

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Grand Gourmandic Procession.

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LINES ON MR. HARLEY.

"You are a merry man, Sir."—*Comedy of Errors*.

Were a gay bustling wight required
To sing a rapid song, or steal
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Mr. STANFIELD, R. A. will furnish the Scenic Illustrations.

The Scene is on the Shores of Sicily.

Cupid Miss GOULD,
Acis, a Shepherd Boy..... Miss P HORTON,
Damon, a Shepherd, Mr ALLEN,
Polyphemus, a Cyclops Mr H. PHILLIPS,
Attendant Cyclops, Messrs. Howell and Montgomery.
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Spinosa, Mr MARSTON, Elliot, Mr MELLON,
Pierre, Mr PHELPS,
Theodore, Mr SMITH, Officer, Mr CONWAY,
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Charles Surface, Mr C. MATHEWS,
Moses, Mr MEADOWS, Careless, Mr WIGAN,
Sir Harry, (with a Song) Mr G. HORNCastle,
Crabtree, Mr F. MATTHEWS, Rowley, Mr GRANBY,
Snake, Mr HEMMING, Trip, Mr BRINDAL,
Servant to Joseph Surface..... Mr W. H. PAYNE,
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PAVILLION THEATRE.—On Thursday night, the veteran Saker took his Benefit, providing as usual a good bill of fare, and we are most happy to state the house proved a bumper, being literally crammed in every part. The performances commenced with a romantic piece, entitled *The Wood Wolf*, written for the express purpose of introducing the wonderful feats of the modern Sampson, (Gusta Noel,) which were indeed truly astonishing. Ramo Samee, the Indian Juggler, with a great variety of comic singing and dancing, followed, which highly delighted the gods. After which, the Comedy of *The Soldier's Daughter* was admirably performed. Though last not least among the attractions of the evening, was an entirely new Farce, from the pen of Mr. H. H. Russell, and called *Y! Y! or, the Freaks of Fortune*; it has some pretensions to humour and originality, though labouring under every disadvantage from the lateness of the hour, and the hurried and very imperfect manner in which it was produced, notwithstanding there is much credit due to Mrs. Gomersal, Messrs. Rogers, Rignald, and Saker, whose joint exertions obtained for it considerable and well-merited applause.

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The selection and adaptation of the introductory passages, and the entire Orchestral
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Mr. STANFIELD, R. A. will furnish the Scenic Illustrations.
The Scene is on the Shores of Sicily.

Cupid Miss GOULD,
Acis, a Shepherd Boy Miss P. HORTON,
Damon, a Shepherd, Mr ALLEN,
Polyphemus, a Cyclops Mr H. PHILLIPS,
Attendant Cyclops, Messrs. Howell and Montgomery.
Galatea, a Sea-Nymph Miss ROMER,

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HAY-MARKET THEATRE.

This Evening, Marriage, The Boarding School, and My Wife's Dentist.

The following are the entertainments at the various Theatres for the ensuing week :—English Opera House—M. Jullien's Promenade Concerts, the programme of which is varied every evening. Adelphi—A new Drama, founded on Scribe's last Comedy of "*La Chaine*," entitled *The Breach of Promise of Marriage*, will be produced this evening, with a strong cast, followed by *Norma*, and *The Queen of Cyprus*; on Thursday, a new Burlesque, upon *Acis and Galatea*, by little Oxberry, will be substituted for *Norma*; *Acis*, Mrs. Grattan, Polyphemus, Bedford, and *Galatea*, Wright. Olympic—A new domestic Drama, entitled *Mark Freeland*; or, the *Citizen's Daughter*, in which Mr. Rayner, and Miss Mitchell, (from New York,) will appear; a new Farce, called *The Artful Dodge*, (first time,) in which Mr. Wild, Mr. Fitzjames, and Miss Le-Batt, sustain the principal characters; with *Bathing*, and the Pantomime. Strand—Mr. Jacobs has deferred his trip to America, and continues his entertainment *sine die*, in consequence of his success. Victoria—Mary White, a new Drama, entitled *The Convict*, and *Giovanni* in London, Don Giovanni, Miss Collett. Queen's—*The Queen of Cyprus*, followed by two new pieces, *The Timorous Gentleman*, and *Capering Ashore*, and concluding with *The Storm Demon*.

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Gratiano, Mr HUDSON,
Salarino, Mr MARSTON, Salanio, Mr SELBY, Salerio, Mr LYNNE,
Shylock, Mr MACREADY,
Tubal, Mr WALDRON, Launcelot Gobbo, Mr COMPTON,
Old Gobbo, Mr W. BENNETT, Clerk of the Court, Mr BENDER,
Portia, Mrs WARNER, Nerissa, Mrs KEELEY,
Principal Minstrels of Portia Miss POOLE and Miss GOULD,
Jessica, Miss E. PHILLIPS.

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Gabriel .. Mr STILT,
Gregory.. Mr Harcourt, Adam.. Mr Hance,
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Catherine Miss H. FAUCIT,
Bianca, Miss E. PHILLIPS.

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The Windmill.

The Marquis de Roueville, Mr MORRIS BARNETT,
Sampson Low, Mr KEELEY,
Peter, Mr Yarnold, Servants, Messrs Paulo & Grammer.
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Marian, Mrs KEELEY, Nancy, Miss SIDNEY.

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This Evening, Shakspeare's Comedy (with Music) of The

Merry Wives of Windsor

Sir John Falstaff, Mr Bartley,
Justice Shallow, Mr F. Matthews, Mr Ford, Mr Cooper,
Master Slender, Mr C. Mathews, Mr Page, Mr Diddear,
Fenton, Mr W. Harrison, Dr Caius, Mr Bland,
Sir Hugh Evans, Mr Meadows, Host, Mr Granby.
Mrs Ford, Mrs Nisbett, Mrs Page, Madame Vestris,
Anne Page, Miss Rainforth, Mrs Quickly, Mrs Glover.

To conclude with, (Last Time) a New Romantic, Heroical, Legendary, Comic,
Christmas Pantomime. called

Guy, Earl of Warwick.

OR, HARLEQUIN AND

THE DUN COW

NOVEL MOVING PANORAMIC OPENING.

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CÆSAR'S TOWER, (Warwick Cast'e.)

BARBACAN OF WARWICK CASTLE.

Guy, Earl of Warwick, Mr W. H. Payne, Tristram, Mr T. Ridgway,

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How Eskeldered, the King of the Danes, summoned to his aid the

MAGIC DUN COW.

Eskeldered, King of the Danes, Mr Gouriet, Earl Jonas, Mr Garden,
Sir Piers, Mr J. H. Ridgway, Phæbe. Mrs Ridgway.

Warder's Room & Larder, (Warwick Castle.) Guy's Grand Hall.

Hon. Master Roland, Mr Kerridge, Hon. Master Oliver, Master H. Marshall.

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Enchanted Castle of Eskeldered. Colbrand, Mr S. Smith.

FAIRY AVIARY

And Appearance of Queen Paradisia. from the Warwick Vase. (Mr. W. Bradwll.)

Transformations of the Characters—

Harlequin, Mr J. H. RIDGWAY, Columbine, Mrs J. H. RIDGWAY,

Pantaloon, Mr GARDEN, Clown, Mr T. RIDGWAY,

Cannon Brew-House, Knightbridge, (as it was.) Albert Gate, Hyde Park, (as it

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Goodby. Heads or Tails, a Dance, composed by Oscar Byrne. View of Green-

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THE Comedy of *The Merry Wives of Windsor* was played here last night, followed by, for the last time, the Pantomime.

HAY-MARKET THEATRE.

THE performances last evening, at this Theatre, were *Marriage*, with *The Boarding School*, and *My Wife's Dentist*. The new Comedy of *The Woman Hater* will be produced to-night.

OLYMPIC.—The spirited lessee last evening produced two new pieces, both of which deserved the success they met with. The first, *Mark Freeland*, is a Drama of domestic interest, and introduced the veteran Rayner, and Miss Mitchell from the United States. This young lady's appearance is eminently prepossessing, and she evinces so much talent that we shall take another opportunity of noticing her performance. They were both called for at the conclusion of the piece. In the new Farce of *The Artful Dodge*, Wild delighted the audience by his rich comic humour. Previous to the rising of the curtain, Baker announced that Mr. Brookes having met with an accident, by which three of his ribs were broken, Mr. Turnour had kindly undertaken his part.

ADELPHI.—The greatest hit of the season was last night made at this Theatre in the production of a new Drama, in two acts, entitled *The Breach of Promise of Marriage*, which for cleverness of construction, neatness of dialogue, and a happy mixture of mystery and complexity, with clearness and precision, has never been equalled at this Theatre. It has been adapted by the author of *Agnes St. Aubin*, a Drama, which was produced with magnificent success last season. The author has avowed the source whence he has derived his piece, to be Scribe's Comedy of *La Chaine*, but it is by no means a literal translation, for though many of the incidents of the original are retained, yet the action has been altered—we think, improved. The scene is removed to London, where Mr. Arthur Amery, (Lyon,) a student of the Royal Academy of Music, is busily engaged upon a composition for the Opera House, where it has been accepted through the influence of Admiral Lord Starboard, and his sister, Lady Louisa Eastland, (Mr. and Mrs. Yates,) the latter of whom entertains for the student something more than mere friendship. He is, however, betrothed to his pretty cousin, Ellen Firmly, (Miss E. Chaplin,) in whose marriage with Arthur Amery, Lord Starboard, though entertaining a real regard for him, is deeply interested, as a means of thwarting his sister's alliance with a man so much beneath her in rank. Lord Starboard, therefore, prevails upon the rich old uncle of Ellen Firmly, (Wilkinson,) to bestow his niece and a handsome fortune on the young student, who, poised between vanity and love, has not the courage to make his election until all subterfuge is prevented by Lady Eastland's voluntary

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renunciation of a man, who, entertaining no ardent affection for her, yet led her to hope that his heart was free to her impression. This is but a slender outline of a sterling piece, which requires to be seen to be properly appreciated. It is one of those Dramas, whose very interest consists in the unity of its design, and well repays that close attention, without which, indeed, its ingenious construction cannot properly be estimated. It is not a brainless attempt to make a few startling and unnatural points to elicit undeserved applause, but is an easy, natural, and refreshing production, and credit to its author, whoever he may be. We shall speak of the acting in a future number. When Mr. Yates appeared to give out the Drama for every evening, there was one continuous burst of approval.

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Acis and Galatea.

Adapted & arranged for representation from the *Serenata* of *HANDEL*
The Poetry, with the exception of the introductory scene, by *GAY*,
The selection and adaptation of the introductory passages, and the entire Orchestral
arrangements by Mr. T. COOKE.

Mr. STANFIELD, R. A. will furnish the Scenic Illustrations.

The Scene is on the Shores of Sicily.

Cupid Miss GOULD,
Acis, a Shepherd Boy Miss P HORTON,
Damon, a Shepherd, Mr ALLEN,
Polyphemus, a Cyclops Mr H. PHILLIPS,
Attendant Cyclops, Messrs. Howell and Montgomery.
Galatea, a Sea-Nymph Miss ROMER,

After which, (10th Time) a Comedy, in 2 Acts. called The

Prisoner of War.

Captain Channel, R.N., Mr PHELPS,
Lieutenant Basil Firebrace, RN., Mr ANDERSON,
Tom Heyday, Mr HUDSON,
Beaver. . Mr G. BENNETT, Chenille. . Mr SELBY,
Mr Peter Pall-Mall, Mr KEELEY,
Boaz, Mr M. BARNETT, Nicole, Mr YARNOLD,
Gaoler, Mr HUGHES,
Citizens of Verdun, Messrs. C. Smith, Howell,
Montgomery, J. Smith, Bender, &c.
Monsieur La Rose, Mr HANCE, Garçon, Mr STILT,
Captain of the Guard, Mr CONWAY,
English Prisoners, Messrs. Walsh, Collett, George, &c.
Madame La Rose. Mrs C. JONES,
Mad. Violette, Mrs SELBY, Babette, Miss TURPIN,
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Clarina Channel Miss FORTESCUE.

To conclude with, (16th Time) a New Farce, in One Act, called

The Windmill.

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ELENA UBERTI.

The Overture and Music (with the exception of an Air by Pacini)
composed by MERCADANTE.

Conductor, Mr Benedict. The Scenery, by the Messrs. Grieve.
The Chorusses under the Direction of Mr J. H. Tully.

Count Ubaldo Mr W. HARRISON,
Sigifredo, Mr LEFFLER,
Count Guido, Mr STRETTON, Gualtiero, Mr WIGAN,
Boemondo, Mr CLEMENT WHITE,
Elena Uberti Miss ADELAIDE KEMBLE,
Imberga, (Daughter of Boemondo,) Miss GRANT.

After which, the Historical Drama of

CHARLES XII.

Charles XII, Mr W. Farren, Adam Brock, Mr Bartley,
Major Vanberg, Mr Cooper, Gustavus, Mr J. Vining,
Triptolemus Muddlewerk, Mr Harley,
Colonel Reichel Mr A. Wigan,
General Duckert .. Mr Hodges,
First Officer.. Mr Hughes, 2nd Officer.. Mr Collett,
Sentinel.. Mr Birt, Clerk.. Mr Kerridge,
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HAY-MARKET THEATRE.

BERNARD'S new petite Comedy, in one act, entitled *The Woman Hater*, was perfectly successful last night. The *dramatis personæ* consist only of four characters; Baron Ravenspurgh, who, from having been deceived in a youthful passion, has made a vow that he will never see another woman, a vow which he has religiously kept for three years; Stork, his servant, a rough old soldier, and Frederick and Leila Blumenthal, who, fearing the anger of their uncle, the Baron, have been some time privately married. Under an assumed name, and by a pretended accident at the Baron's door, the lady obtains admission into the woman hater's house, puts his chamber in order, has the fire lighted, orders refreshments to be brought in, and causes such a cheerful change, that the Baron nurses one of her children, while he rocks the other, (this was a clever scene,) and finally approves of his nephew's choice, asserting as a qualification that he is only a hater of the vain deceitful portion of the sex. It will be seen that there is nothing very strikingly novel in this little piece, which is formed of somewhat slender materials, and only lasts three quarters of an hour, but Bernard's pleasant writing, and the good acting it received, carried it triumphantly through, Webster's was a finished assumption of the woman hating Baron, alternating between superficial dislike and natural fondness for the sex. Vining, as his nephew, did not suffer a point to escape him. Miss Charles played with an absence of embarrassment which shews her to be practically used to the stage. The piece was given out for repetition by Mr. Webster for every evening without a dissentient voice. *Marriage*, and *John Jones*, were the other entertainments.

Italian Opera, Paris.—An old and favourite Opera, the *Cantatrice Villane* of Fioravanti, has been revived this week at this Theatre, to the great amusement of its aristocratic *habituës*. It was composed expressly for the Italian company in the Salle Louvois, under the Empire, and was first performed there in 1807, the composer being then in Paris. Notwithstanding the rapid strides made in the science of instrumentation since that period, *La Cantatrice* still gives pleasure from its fluent agreeable melodies, and the rich vein of humour which runs through this as through most of the productions of the same composer. A few *morceaux* have been added, a liberty perfectly admissible in an Opera of this unpretending description, among which we may quote an extremely pleasant buffo-duet, and a charming cavatina of Pacinni's, from the *Shiava di Bagdad*,

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brilliantly executed by Mme. Persiani, Mme. Albertazzi also, who seldom appears to more advantage than she did in this Opera, introduced a Tyrolian air, which she sang most exquisitely, and throughout the entire piece sang and acted with a grace and spirit quite remarkable. Lablache was, as usual, the prince of broad comedians, and his son was also seen to advantage, but exhibited a little superfluous extravagance, which he will do well to moderate in future. We would remark to this promising *artiste*, that the tongue, though a meritorious and highly useful member of the body-corporate in its own province, is by no means an agreeable or necessary adjunct to comic humour. The Opera went off satisfactorily, and will prove a pleasant occasional change to the Lucrezia's and other gloomy subjects, of which the modern Italian school is chiefly composed.

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The Overture and Entre-Acts by Beethoven. The Incidental Music by Mr T. Cooke.

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The Period is in the reign of Augustus Cæsar.

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Gisippus.....(his Friend,)..... Mr MACREADY,
Medon, (brother of Sophronia,) Mr GRAHAM,
(*His First Appearance,*)
Athenian Youths .. Mr ELTON and Mr HUDSON,
Norban..(Page to Sophronia)..Miss E. PHILLIPS,
Lycias..(Freed-man of Fulvius)..Mr G. BENNETT,
Davus,..(an Usurer)..Mr W. BENNETT,
Theon..(servant to Gisippus)..Mr MARSTON,
Athenians..Messrs. Montgomery, Gilbeigh, J. Smith,
Paulo, Burdett, &c.
Decius..Mr LYNNE, Mutius..Mr WALDRON,
Festus..Mr MELLON, Macro..Mr SELBY,
Roman Centurion.. Mr Bender.
Freedmen of Fulvius..Messrs J. Smith, Sievier, &c.
Cicilian Merchant..Mr Harcourt,
Roman Citizens..Messrs Hughes, Yarnold, &c.
Sophronia (betrothed to Gissippus) Miss H. FAUCIT,
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MIDSUMMER Night's Dream.

Theseus, Duke of Athens, Mr COOPER,
Egeus(Father to Hermia) Mr DIDDEAR,
Lysander, (in love with) Mr J. VINING,
Demetrius, (Hermia,) Mr BRINDAL,
Bottom (the Weaver) Mr HARLEY,
Quince, (the Carpenter) Mr BARTLEY,
Flute, (the Bellows Mender) Mr OXBERRY,
Snout, Mr MEADOWS, Snug, Mr F. MATTHEWS
Starveling, Mr W. H. PAYNE,
Hippolyta, Mrs W. WEST, Hermia, Mrs NISBETT,
Helena, Miss COOPER,
Oberon..(King of the Fairies).. Madame VESTRIS,
Puck, or Robin Goodfellow Miss MARSHALL,
Titania, (Queen of the Fairies) Mrs W. LACY,
First Fairy, Miss RAINFORTH,
Second Fairy Miss GRANT, Third Fairy Miss LEE,
Faun & Wood Nymph, Mr Gilbert & Miss Ballin,

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The Ringdoves.

Sir Harry Ringdove.. Mr F. MATTHEWS,
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Mooney.. Mrs BROUGHAM,
Hobnail Mr KERRIDGE,
Mrs Longlackit.. Mrs ORGER,
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The Wooden Leg.

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IMPROMPTU.

On hearing that Mr. Wright had demanded fifty guineas per week at the Adelphi Theatre.

Time was when a manager scarce could do *wrong*,

In bringing a genius to light;

The case now is altered—'twill cost before long

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Hamlet.—The enthusiastic reader of Shakspeare may be relieved from

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Gaoler, Mr HUGHES,

Citizens of Verdun, Messrs. C. Smith, Howell,

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Monsieur La Rose, Mr HANCE, Gargon, Mr STILT,

Captain of the Guard, Mr CONWAY,

English Prisoners, Messrs. Walsh, Collett, George, &c.

Madame La Rose. Mrs C. JONES,

Mad. Violette, Mrs SELBY, Babette, Miss TURPIN,

Polly Pall-Mall, Mrs KEELEY,

Clarina Channel Miss FORTESCUE.

To conclude with, (17th Time) a New Farce, in One Act, called

The Windmill.

The Marquis de Roueville, Mr MORRIS BARNETT,

Sampson Low, Mr KEELEY,

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N O R M A.

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(As performed at Her Majesty's Theatre.)

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Pollio, (a Roman Pro-Consul,) Mr W. HARRISON,

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Oroveso, (the Arch Druid,) Mr LEFFLER,

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Adalgisa,Miss RAINFORTH,

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FREE and EASY

Sir John Freeman..Mr C. MATHEWS,

Mr Charles Courtly Mr BARTLEY,

Michael ..Mr HARLEY,

Richard Mr W H. PAYNE,

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WE yesterday briefly announced the successful production of the new Play of *Gisippus*, the posthumous work of Mr. Griffin, who wrote it before he arrived at the age of 20. The writing is of a superior order, and the incidents are dramatic, without being forced to produce effect. At the commencement of the Play, Gisippus is on the eve of marriage with Sophronia, who has previously loved his friend, Fulvius, but from misunderstanding each other's passion, she had promised her hand to Gisippus, who, overhearing the expression of their mutual regret, yet coupled with Sophronia's declaration of unalterable gratitude to Gisippus, notwithstanding her attachment to Fulvius, gives up his intended bride to his friend, her first love; and they are immediately wedded. In the mean time, Davus, an usurer, presses some pecuniary claims, which he has on Gisippus, who, in his exigency, applies to his richer friend, Fulvius. All Athens now rises up in clamour against him for having, as they allege, sold his bride for pelf. While this is going on, Fulvius is summoned to Rome, and departs, without keeping his appointment with his friend, who, the usurer still pressing his claims, is sold as a slave, and sent to Rome. After some time has elapsed, Fulvius returns to Armenia, covered with glory, and is made a Prætor. In the sordid garb of a slave, Gisippus meets him, and is struck down by his attendant Licitors, as an unknown intruder on their master's presence. The outcast then seeks refuge in an adjacent burial ground, where Chremes has just been assassinated by Lycias, Freed-man of Fulvius, between whom enmity had long existed. Gisippus is too late to afford succour to the victim, and being found near the spot, and weary of his life, gives himself up as the murderer. Lycias, however, saves him from execution by confessing himself as the assassin, and the two friends become reconciled. The avoidance of a catastrophe at the conclusion, constituting it a Play instead of a Tragedy, added to the success which it deserved in a literary point of view, and the applause was unanimous at the fall of the curtain. Although there was not a very full house, we are persuaded that the production of such Plays as these will eventually much more effectually promote the interests of the management, than the revival of such Plays as *The Gamester*, *Venice Preserved*, *The Point of Honour*, &c. We have seldom seen Mr. Maeready to greater advantage than as *Gisippus*. Anderson was much too boisterous as *Fulvius*. A Mr. Graham, (we believe from the Surrey,) performed a not very prominent part so sensibly as to show that he is capable of better things. Helen Faucit does not seem

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G I S I P P U S.

The Overture and Entre-Acts by Beethoven. The Incidental Music by Mr T. Cooke.

The Scene lies at ATHENS through the First Three Acts ; during the Fourth and Fifth at ROME.

The Period is in the reign of Augustus Cæsar.

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Titus Quintius Fulvius.. Mr ANDERSON,
Gisippus.....(his Friend,) Mr MACREADY,
Medon, (brother of Sophronia,) Mr GRAHAM,
(*His 2nd Appearance,*)

Athenian Youths . Mr ELTON and Mr HUDSON,
Norban..(Page to Sophronia).. Miss E. PHILLIPS,
Lycias..(Freed-man of Fulvius) .. Mr G. BENNETT,
Davus,..(an Usurer).. Mr W. BENNETT,
Athenians.. Messrs. Montgomery, Gilbeigh, J Smith,
Paulo, Burdett, &c.

Decius.. Mr LYNNE, Mutius.. Mr WALDRON,
Festus.. Mr MELLON, Macro.. Mr SELBY,
Roman Centurion.. Mr Bender.

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We must content ourselves with a notice of the acting in the present number—in our next we shall not fail to give a sketch of this clever Comedy, which we are certain is destined to enjoy lasting popularity and success, for it is a healthy and sterling production. Farren was grossly imperfect as *Lord Skindeep* ; he is either neglectful of his study, or his memory is failing ; though his part was by no means a long one, the prompter was audibly heard several times. So wholly imperfect was he in one scene, that he completely lost himself, and we trembled for the success of the piece. Harley bustled through the character of *Sir Phenix Clearcake*, with his usual drollery and animation. Mr. C. Mathews invested *Captain Smoke* with a prominence which it would not have attained in less skilful hands. Walter Lacy and James Vining dressed and acted like gentlemen. Lacy's feigned drunken-scene, elicited several rounds of applause, which were richly merited, for it was done most naturally, and was, moreover, free from that exaggeration which renders stage intoxication quite a distinct species from that we meet with out of Theatres. A moneylending merchant was fairly played by Meadows, whose conception was original, and his filling up admirable. Hemming, though only in the last act, spoke so sensibly and judiciously, as to justify a separate notice of him.

But what shall be said of Mrs. Nisbett and Mrs. Walter Lacy, who fairly outshone themselves ? Mrs. Nisbett's change from the affected demureness of *Pamela Spreadweasel* to the gay and sparkling woman of fashion ; her description of an electioneering canvass, which was given with a jocund flow of spirits and a talent for mimicry, that even throws into the shade her performance in *The Love Chase*, and *London Assurance*, and her vigorous and truthful delineation of every phrase in this nicely drawn character, show her to possess every requisite for leading

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We cannot add anything to what we have before said of the magnificent style in which all the pieces are here produced; this indeed has become proverbial and commendation is almost superfluous. The unrivalled elegance of the management was never displayed to greater advantage than on this occasion.

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OLYMPIC.—This evening, after the new Drama of *Mark Freeland, The Artful Dodge*, and *Bathing*, the Romantic Drama of *Valentine and Orson* will be produced, in which Mr. T. Matthews will sustain Grimaldi's character of *Orson*.

NEW STRAND.—Mr. Jacobs will conclude his performances at this Theatre on Saturday next. The house will re-open on Whit-Monday, under the management of Mr. H. Hall, who last year made the Theatre so popular. Mrs. Honey and Mrs. Honnor are reported to be engaged.

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G I S I P P U S.

The Overture and Entre-Acts by Beethoven. The Incidental Music by Mr T. Cooke.

The Scene lies at ATHENS through the First Three Acts ; during the Fourth and Fifth at ROME.

The Period is in the reign of Augustus Cæsar.

An interval of more than a year is supposed to occur between the 3 and 4 Acts.

Titus Quintius Fulvius.. Mr ANDERSON,
Gisippus.....(his Friend,) Mr MACREADY,
Medon, (brother of Sophronia,) Mr GRAHAM,
Athenian Youths . Mr ELTON and Mr HUDSON,
Norban..(Page to Sophronia).. Miss E. PHILLIPS,
Lycias..(Freed-man of Fulvius) .. Mr G. BENNETT,
Davus,..(an Usurer).. Mr W. BENNETT,
Athenians.. Messrs. Montgomery, Gilbeigh, J. Smith,
Paulo, Burdett, &c.
Decius.. Mr LYNNE. Mutius.. Mr WALDRON,
Festus.. Mr MELLON, Macro.. Mr SELBY,
Roman Centurion.. Mr Bender.
Freedmen of Fulvius.. Messrs J. Smith, Sievier, &c.
Cicilian Merchant.. Mr Harcourt,
Roman Citizens.. Messrs Hughes, Yarnold, &c.
Sophronia (betrothed to Gissippus) Miss H. FAUCIT,
Hero..(Her Friend).. Miss TURPIN,

After which, the Comedy from *Shakspeare*, of

Catherine & Petruchio.

Petruchio .. Mr ANDERSON,
Baptista Mr W. BENNETT,
Hortensio.. Mr CARLE,
Grumio.. Mr COMPTON, Curtis.. Mr HUGHES,
Music Master .. Mr YARNOLD,
Tailor..... Mr MORRIS BARNETT,
Biondello.. Mr BENDER, Pedro.. Mr C. SMITH,
Walter.. Mr Sievier, Nathaniel . Mr Montgomery,
Gabriel ... Mr Stilt, Gregory.... Mr Harcourt,
Adam.. Mr Hance, Ralph.. Mr Paulo,
Catherine Miss WARNER,
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Theatre Royal, Covent Garden.

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by DOUGLAS JERROLD, called

B U B B L E S OF THE **D A Y !**

The Scenery, by the Messrs. GRIEVE.

The Decorations and Appointments by Mr. W. BRADWELL.

Lord Skindeep, M. P. Mr W. FARREN,
Sir Phenix Clearcake .. Mr HARLEY,
Captain Smoke. Mr CHARLES MATHEWS,
Mr Brown .. Mr F. MATTHEWS,
Mr Chatham Brown, M. P. Mr J. VINING,
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Mr Spreadweasel Mr BARTLEY,
Malmsey Shark .. Mr MEADOWS,
Waller Mr HEMMING,
Kimbo .. Mr BRINDAL,
Corks Mr GRANBY,
Miffin .. Mr A. WIGAN,
Footman Mr HUGHES,
Pamela Spreadweasel .. Mrs NISBETT,
Florentia Mrs WALTER LACY,
Mrs Quarto .. Mrs W. WEST,
Guinea Mrs ORGER,

After which, the Farce of

FREE and EASY

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Mr Charles Courtly Mr BARTLEY,
Michael .. Mr HARLEY,
Richard Mr W. H. PAYNE,
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THE new Comedy of *Bubbles of the Day*, and *Free and Easy*, attracted a full house here last night.

HAY-MARKET THEATRE.

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ADELPHI.—After *The Breach of Promise of Marriage*, which improves, (if that be possible,) on each repetition, a Burlesque on *Acis and Galatea*, written by Mr. Oxberry, was produced. During the performance of the overture, the curtain rises and discovers a painted drop scene, with a primitive representation of Polyphemus seated on a rock. Mr. Yates then enters, and "begs to introduce Mr. Paul Bedford, when he was a *babby*." After the audience have had sufficient time to contemplate the huge figure before them, the scene changes, and a parody on the celebrated chorus, "Oh, the pleasures of the plains," is sung by a motley assemblage of nymphs and nondescripts, among whom a Jack in the Green is a conspicuous character. The Drury Lane version is pretty closely followed, though of course in a condensed form. Bedford is *Polyphemus*, Wilkinson, *Cupid*, Mrs. Grattan, *Acis*, Binge, *Damon*, and Wright, *Galatea*. The parodies are not so effective as those in *Norma*, nor indeed is the Burlesque on the whole so humorous. Mrs. Grattan sang her music most effectively, although it would have less apparent effort were she to sing it lower, as her melodious voice might be deemed almost shrill in the key in which she sang "Love in her eyes."

Wright was a very lady-like *Galatea*, and kept the house in a continued roar. Bedford has little to do as the giant Polyphemus, and he did not make a feature of his solo—"O! ruddier than the cherry." Binge sang with remarkable sweetness. The picturesque but unnatural grouping of the chorus singers at Drury Lane was capitally burlesqued, by the characters striking into attitudes almost mechanically. The piece did not last more than half-an-hour, and at its conclusion, Mr. Yates stepped forward, and stated that "the serenata of *Acis and Galatea* would not be "deferred until next season," but be repeated to-morrow night." *Jack Sheppard* was the afterpiece.—The house was crowded in every part.

SURREY.—The performances at this Theatre, last evening, were *Werner*, *The Waterman*, and *Teddy the Tiler*. The two latter pieces were performed for the purpose of introducing Mr. Collins to the public as *Tom Tug*, and *Teddy the Tiler*. The audience demanded the

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three popular songs in *The Waterman* a second time, and Mr. Collins well deserved the compliment. In *Teddy the Tiler*, which we most decidedly deem the principal feature of the evening, hailing as we must, this new acquisition to a line in the Drama, which has, through the death of Mr. Power, been left void. His brogue is neat, and his whole contour is suited, especially to the more gentlemanly Irish characters in the old Comedies. We wonder the enterprising lessee of the Haymarket Theatre, has not added Mr. Collins to his company, as he is well qualified to fill up the vacuum occasioned by the death of the deceased comedian we have mentioned. Mr. W. Smith during the performance of *Werner*, was taken seriously ill, and a Mr. France was his substitute.—The house was crowded,

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The Poetry, with the exception of the introductory scene, by *GAY*,
The selection and adaptation of the introductory passages, and the entire Orchestral
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Mr. STANFIELD, R. A. will furnish the Scenic Illustrations.
The Scene is on the Shores of Sicily.

Cupid Miss GOULD,
Acis, a Shepherd Boy Miss P HORTON,
Damon, a Shepherd, Mr ALLEN,
Polyphemus, a Cyclops Mr H. PHILLIPS,
Attendant Cyclops, Messrs. Howell and Montgomery.
Galatea, a Sea-Nymph Miss ROMER,

After which, (14th Time) a Comedy, in 2 Acts. called The

Prisoner of War.

Captain Channel, R.N., Mr PHELPS,
Lieutenant Bazil Firebrace, R.N., Mr ANDERSON,
Tom Heyday, Mr HUDSON,
Beaver. . Mr G. BENNETT, Chenille. . Mr SELBY,
Mr Peter Pall-Mall. Mr KEELEY,
Boaz, Mr M. BARNETT, Nicole, Mr YARNOLD,
Gaoler, Mr HUGHES,
Citizens of Verdun, Messrs. C. Smith, Howell,
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Puff Mr CHARLES MATHEWS,

Sneer, Mr COOPER,

Dangle... Mr HEMMING, Mrs Dangle... Mrs W. WEST,

Under Prompter, Mr HONNER, Servant, Mr CONNELL.

Characters in the Tragedy.

Don Ferolo Whiskerandos, Mr HARLEY,

Earl of Leicester... Mr J. BLAND, Sir W. Raleigh... Mr MEADOWS,

Sir Christopher Hatton, Mr BRINDAL,

Governor, Mr F. MATTHEWS, Master of the Horse, Mr GRANBY.

Lord Burleigh, Mr AYLIFFE,

Beefeater, Mr W. H. PAYNE, Sentinels, Messrs. Collett & Ireland,

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HAY-MARKET THEATRE.

YESTERDAY evening *Marriage, The Woman Hater*, and *The Green Eyed Monster*, were the entertainments. The favorite, Mr. Fitzwilliam, we perceive, will take his annual benefit on Monday next. He has selected a capital programme—*The Love Chase, The Recruiting Serjeant*, and *My Wife's Dentist*. In the first piece, Miss Mitchell, who made her first appearance a few evenings since at the Olympic, will appear as *Constance*.

QUEEN'S.—The active caterer for the patrons of this establishment produced on Monday last a Drama, entitled *Norma ; or, the Immolation*, founded, as may be supposed, on the Covent Garden version ; the incidents of the latter have been closely followed ; the "heavy business" is, however, greatly relieved by the introduction of a comic part, played by Manders. The acting of Parry and his wife as *Pollio* and *Norma*, was careful and effective. The main feature, however, worthy of commendation is the characteristic and beautiful scenery. Dance's Farce of *Kill or Cure*, was played for the purpose of introducing a Miss Dudley in the character of *Mrs. Brown* ; she was very successful, and sang the song of "A health to bonnie Scotland," with much expression. *The Queen of Cyprus* continues very attractive.

Mrs. Fitzwilliam.—We copy the following paragraph from *The Savannah Daily Republican*, of January 24th, just received :—"To-night Mrs. Fitzwilliam appears in a new piece, called "Out of Place,"—*how can she be out of place, in any thing !*)—a piece written for her by Mark Lemon, Esq. author of the new Comedy of "*What will the World say?*" which has just been produced at New York, with the most signal success. In this piece she gives her celebrated burlesque of Fanny Elssler, in her dance of *La Cracovienne*, which has been deemed a master piece, in the comic art. In New Orleans, and other cities, they have literally carried the burlesque beyond the stage, by showering a cloud of bouquets upon her, which, however, were truly deserved. Webster's *Foreign Airs* again, and for the last time. We would not miss it for a trifle. With these is the late T. Haynes Bayley's petite Comedy of *My Little Adopted*, which was so warmly received on Friday evening. Mr. Buckstone's comic phiz, will be seen to advantage in all these pieces. Saturday night was one of the richest treats of the season. In *My Old Woman*, Mrs. Fitzwilliam assumed an appearance of age, and sustained it throughout in a manner truly astonishing, while she occasionally gives us touches of pathos that causes the "tear unbidden start." *Michael*, the officious steward, was ably performed by Mr. Buckstone. But what

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Can we say of his piece of *The Snapping Turtles*, which followed. Sure such a pair were never seen as "Mr. and Mrs. Timm's." Our sides literally ache, even now, at Mrs. Fitzwilliam's "Fimpkins," and "Mrs. O. Blarne," with her fox hunting propensities, given with the sweetest taste of the brogue imaginable. The greatest compliment we can pay Mr. Buckstone, is to say that we heard one gentleman ask another "who is that representing Miss Arabella Die Away?" They must stop and give us the "Snapping Turtles" again."

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Galatea, a Sea-Nymph Miss ROMER,

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Prisoner of War.

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Tom Heyday, Mr HUDSON,
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The Quartett Concerts.—The second of these delightful entertainments was given last night at the Hanover-square Rooms to a numerous and well-pleased audience. Messrs. Blagrove, Gattie, Dando, and Lucas, have played so long and so often together, and individually and collectively they possess so much skill on their instruments, that their united performance in quartetts is to be regarded in the light of artist-like perfection. The selections for the evening were Spohr's quartett in G major, Beethoven's quartett in D major, Mozart's strikingly beautiful quintett in C major, wherein Mr. W. Blagrove played the *viola seconda*, and one of the movements of which were encored, and finally a new sestett for pianoforte, flute, clarionet, horn, bassoon, and double bass. The performers in the last named work were Mr. Howell, on the controbasso, Mr. Carte on the flute, Messieurs Boose and Larkin on the clarionet and bassoon, Mr. Jarrett on the horn, and Mr. Muhlenfeldt on the pianoforte. The composition is by Onslow, a name well known to all quartett and quintett players, and it abounds in an almost endless variety of rich and fanciful passages, replete with beauty of imagination and fertility of thought, and supported by every subtlety of intricate and ingenious harmonization. The new pianoforte player, a gentleman who had not previously performed in public in London, is an artist of very great ability. His execution is brilliant, and his touch vigorous and firm, and if he particularly lacks any thing, it is expression. We shall be happy to hear him soon again, and if we find this opinion of ours ill-founded, we shall be very glad to say so. As a whole, the performance of the sestett was one of the greatest instrumental treats we have had for some time. The vocalists were Miss Kemble and Miss Rainforth, both of whom sang some music entirely new to us. In "The Sleeper," a ballad by Benedict, and one of the most touching and exquisite melodies ever composed, Miss Rainforth proved that continual contact with such a singer as her fair coadjutor at Covent Garden is vastly improving, for certainly never did she sing so sweetly and perfectly before. The ballad was encored. We did not like the vocal part of a duet by Kreutzer, which was executed by both ladies, but the accompaniment was well worthy of the celebrated composer of *Lodoiska*. Miss Kemble was encored in both her solos in the second part. The first of these was a song by Mendelssohn, entitled "Frühling's Lied," and a most beautiful song it was; and the other a romance, by

THE THEATRICAL OBSERVER.

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This Evening, (13th Time) the Opera (not divided into Acts) of

Acis and Galatea.

Adapted & arranged for representation from the *Serenata* of *HANDEL*.

The Poetry, with the exception of the introductory scene, by *GAY*,
The selection and adaptation of the introductory passages, and the entire Orchestral arrangements by Mr. T. COOKE.

Mr. STANFIELD, R. A. will furnish the Scenic Illustrations.

The Scene is on the Shores of Sicily.

Cupid Miss GOULD,
Acis, a Shepherd Boy..... Miss P HORTON,
Damon, a Shepherd, Mr ALLEN,
Polyphemus, a Cyclops Mr H. PHILLIPS,
Attendant Cyclops, Messrs. Howell and Montgomery.
Galatea, a Sea-Nymph Miss ROMER,

After which, (16th Time) a Comedy, in 2 Acts, called The

Prisoner of War.

Captain Channel, R.N., Mr PHELPS,
Lieutenant Basil Firebrace, R.N., Mr ANDERSON,
Tom Heyday, Mr HUDSON,
Beaver.. Mr G. BENNETT, Chenille.. Mr SELBY,
Mr Peter Pall-Mall, Mr KEELEY,
Boaz, Mr M. BARNETT, Nicole, Mr YARNOLD,
Gaoler, Mr HUGHES,
Citizens of Verdun, Messrs. C. Smith, Howell,
Montgomery, J. Smith, Bender, &c.
Monsieur La Rose, Mr HANCE, Garçon, Mr STILT,
Captain of the Guard, Mr CONWAY,
English Prisoners, Messrs. Walsh, Collett, George, &c.
Madame La Rose, Mrs C. JONES,
Mad. Violette, Mrs SELBY, Babette, Miss TURPIN,
Polly Pall-Mall, Mrs KEELEY,
Clarina Channel..... Miss FORFESCUE.

To conclude with, (21st Time) a New Farce, in One Act, called

The Windmill.

The Marquis de Roueville, Mr MORRIS BARNETT,
Sampson Low, Mr KEELEY,
Peter, Mr Yarnold, Servants, Messrs. Paulo & Grammer.
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ELENA UBERTI.

The Overture and Music (with the exception of an Air by Pacini)
composed by MERCADANTE.

Conductor, *Mr Benedict.*

The Scenery, by the Messrs. Grieve.

The Chorusses under the Direction of Mr J. H. Tully.

Count Ubaldo Mr W. HARRISON,

Sigifredo, Mr LEFFLER,

Count Guido, Mr STRETTON, Gualtiero, Mr WIGAN,

Boemondo, Mr CLEMENT WHITE,

Elena Uberti Miss ADELAIDE KEMBLE,

Imbergæ, (Daughter of Boemondo,) Miss GRANT.

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HAY-MARKET THEATRE.

THIS evening, *The Love Chase*, *The Recruiting Serjeant*, *The Woman Hater*, and *My Wife's Dentist*, being for the Benefit of Mr. Fitzwilliam. We understand the recess will only be for three weeks' duration.

ENGLISH OPERA HOUSE.

M. JULLIEN'S Benefit will take place this evening, when a new Quadrille, composed expressly for the occasion, will be presented to every lady visiting the private boxes and dress circle.

Performances during the Week.—At the Adelphi, after *The Breach of Promise of Marriage*, and *Norma*, (which will be played for the last six nights this season), the Extravaganza of *Tom and Jerry* will be revived with an unusually strong cast. At the Olympic, *Mark Freeland*, *The Artful Dodge*, and *Valentine and Orson*, will be repeated, and after the first piece, a burlesque upon *Acis and Galatea*, by Bruton, the author of *Bathing*, will be produced under the title of *Davis and Sally Dear*, in which Wild and Miss Le Batt sustain the principal characters, and on Thursday a new Melo-dramatic Burletta will be produced, entitled *The Revolt of Bruges*. At the Victoria, the new domestic Drama of *Mary White* will be followed by *Black Eyed Susan*, and *The Lady of the Lake*. At the Queen's, between *Norma*, and *The Queen of Cyprus*, a new Farce, called *The Corn Laws*, will be acted for the first time.

Mrs. Wood.—This eminent vocalist met with an accident on Sunday week, though we are glad to know it was not of a serious nature. Mrs. Wood was riding from her villa, near Wakefield, to take the train at Leeds, when her horse started, and she was thrown with considerable force over his head, She was so little hurt, however, as to be able to fulfil an engagement at Leeds the following day,

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G I S I P P U S.

The Overture and Entre-Acts by Beethoven. The Incidental Music by Mr T. Cooke.

The Scene lies at ATHENS through the First Three Acts ; during the Fourth and Fifth at ROME.

The Period is in the reign of Augustus Cæsar.

An interval of more than a year is supposed to occur between the 3 and 4 Acts

Titus Quintius Fulvius.. Mr ANDERSON,
Gisippus.....(his Friend,) Mr MACREADY,
Medon, (brother of Sophronia,) Mr GRAHAM,
Athenian Youths .. Mr ELTON and Mr HUDSON,
Norban..(Page to Sophronia).. Miss E. PHILLIPS,
Lycias..(Freed-man of Fulvius).. Mr G. BENNETT,
Davus,..(an Usurer).. Mr W. BENNETT,
Athenians.. Messrs. Montgomery, Gilbeigh, J. Smith,
Paulo, Burdett, &c.
Decius.. Mr LYNNE, Mutius.. Mr WALDRON,
Festus.. Mr MELLON, Macro.. Mr SELBY,
Roman Centurion.. Mr Bender.
Roman Citizens.. Messrs Hughes, Yarnold, &c.
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Hero..(Her Friend).. Miss TURPIN,

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NO SONG NO SUPPER.

Frederick, Mr ALLEN,
Crop, Mr H. PHILLIPS, William, Mr GIUBILEI,
Endless, Mr KEELEY,
Robin.. Mr COMPTON, Thomas.. Mr YARNOLD,
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by DOUGLAS JERROLD, called

Bubbles of the Day.

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Captain Smoke Mr CHARLES MATHEWS,
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DRURY LANE THEATRE.

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HAY-MARKET THEATRE.

LAST night, Mr. Fitzwilliam's Benefit at this Theatre was a bumper, and the performances appeared to give general satisfaction to one of the most numerous audiences of the season. To-night the worthy lessee takes his Benefit.

OLYMPIC.—A second and more successful attempt to Burlesque *Acis and Galatea*, was made last night at this Theatre. The piece is called *Davis and Sally Dear*, and is better than its title led us to expect. *Acis* is transformed into a "Jolly young Waterman," bewitchingly played by Miss Le Batt. and *Galatea* y'clept, Sally Dear, a Billingsgate lass, finds a delicate and sylph-like representative in Mr. Wild. Damon, is a "Drayman, who thinks no small beer of himself," very well performed by Mr. Rogers, in whom we recognize an old and meritorious servant of Covent Garden Theatre, where his engagement ceased through a lamentable accident he met with while fencing. Serle, as the King of the Cannibal Islands (Polyphemus,) evinced considerable talent for Burlesque. "The scene is laid on the coast of Billingsgate, and Battersea," and a really beautifully painted view of Hammersmith Suspension Bridge is given. Wild was loudly encored in his Cachouca song and dance, in which he played the symphonies on his chin, and burlesqued the foreign dancing inimitably. The parodies were numerous, and, though they had no great pretensions to wit, they were judiciously selected, and mostly told well. Mr. Bruton, the comic song writer, and author of *Bathing*, has also the credit of this travestie, which will enjoy a long run. Mr. Wild and Miss Le Batt were duly called forward at the conclusion, when the enterprising manager gave it out for repetition every evening, without a dissentient voice.—The house was crowded.

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Patter v. Clatter, which followed, introduced Mr. C. Mathews, and the manner in which the audience estimated his kindness in giving his assistance to a brother manager, was evinced by the enthusiastic burst of applause which greeted him on his entrance. Never did he act the part better, nor was it ever relished more by the audience, whom he kept in a state between astonishment and merriment. Since the death of his ever to be lamented father, Mr. C. Mathews is unapproachable in his talents for mimicry. In his song of "Reminiscences of things that were not," he introduced, among his retrospect of former days, "the time when managers of Theatres were like brothers, and announced pieces that *were* to be performed, instead of pieces that were *not*." This allusion was immediately caught up by the audience, and followed by loud cheering. At the conclusion, when he appears before the curtain to intercept Granby's giving out the piece, and to take the words out of his mouth, he said, "I'll tell you what he was going to say—that I should always be ready to lend a hand to a brother manager." His appearance last night did equal honour to himself and the management, and long may such laudible friendship exist, and afford an example to the managers of all our Theatres, some of whom are too apt to mistake ill-tempered pride for gentlemanlike dignity.

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Titus Quintius Fulvius.. Mr ANDERSON,
Gisippus.....(his Friend,) Mr MACREADY,
Medon, (brother of Sophronia,) Mr GRAHAM,
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Norban..(Page to Sophronia).. Miss E. PHILLIPS,
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ANOTHER daughter of Mr. Charles Kemble, said to be very highly gifted, will shortly make her *début* upon the boards of this Theatre as a tragedian. *Norma*, and *Comus*, were performed here last night to a crowded house. Miss Kemble laboured under a severe hoarseness, which however, did not apparently much diminish the gratification with which this unrivalled vocalist is heard, for the celebrated duet was encored, with the usual demonstrations of delight ; Miss Kemble then appeared, and courtied her acknowledgments, gracefully giving the audience to understand that she was unable to comply with their wish. The reputation this lady has acquired causes her engagements to accumulate so thickly around her, that we wonder she has not felt their effects before. The production of *The Marriage of Figaro* is postponed until Tuesday next.

The Students of Bonn announced at Drury Lane is a translation from the French by Mr. G. H. Rodwell.

OLYMPIC.—The performances commenced here last evening with a Drama called *The Revolt of Bruges*, but this is certainly a misnomer, for no *revolt* can take place without a plot, and plot there was none. The *dramatis personæ* presented a fine mixture of reigning Dukes, deposed Dukes, nobles guards, attendants, a heroine and a cook, but what the nature of their business with the audience was, we are at a loss to determine, and so seemed the remainder of the visitors, for when the curtain dropped all remained in listless indifference, resolving, no doubt to postpone their decision till a clearer elucidation of the piece be afforded them. This piece is the least successful effort of the present management, but its insipidity is amply compensated for, by *Davis and Sally Dear*, and *The Artful Dodge*. The latter increases in humour and laughable situations every night of its performance.

QUEEN'S.—A very laughable Farce, bearing the taking title of *The Corn Laws*, has been added to the successful pieces in course of performance at this Theatre.

Mrs. Waylett is performing at the Devonport Theatre with great *éclat*. Last evening, (Thursday) she appeared as *Kate Kearney*, in *The Lakes of Killarney*, the *Lady in A Lady and Gentleman*, and *Mrs. Fitzmyth*, in *The Ladies' Club*.

Shakspeare.—On Wednesday there was sold at Evans's, what was termed an "unique copy of Shakspeare's *Venus and Adonis*." It excited an amazing deal of interest. Singularly enough it was printed at Edinburgh, thus showing how generally the poet was known and appreciated in his own day. The title page says "Edinburgh," by John Writtoun, and are to be sold in his shop, a little beneath the Salt Trone, 1627." The catalogue (it being in the late Mr. George Chalmers's library,) states in

defence of calling the copy "unique," that the auctioneer had made very extensive enquiries on the subject, and had recently written to Mr. David Laing, keeper of the library of the writers to the Signet, from whom they received confirmation of their belief. Beloe, in describing this copy, says,—“it must be considered an indubitable proof that at a very early period the Scotch knew and admired the genius of Shakspeare.” He might have continued, it is added, that its proceeding from the press of Writtonn, was an additional proof, as he published only “small popular tracts.” Beloe, has erroneously given the date 1607, and Lowndes has copied his error. The first books printed by Writtonn were about 1624. The lot was put up at 5*l*, but fetched 37*l*. 10*s*. no trifling price for some dozen small leaves.

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G I S I P P U S.

The Overture and Entre-Acts by Beethoven. The Incidental Music by Mr T. Cooke

The Scene lies at ATHENS through the First Three Acts ; during the Fourth and Fifth at ROME.

The Period is in the reign of Augustus Cæsar.

An interval of more than a year is supposed to occur between the 3 and 4 Acts

Titus Quintius Fulvius.. Mr ANDERSON,
Gisippus.....(his Friend,) Mr MACREADY,
Medon, (brother of Sophronia,) Mr GRAHAM,
Athenian Youths . Mr ELTON and Mr SELBY,
Norban..(Page to Sophronia)..Miss E. PHILLIPS,
Lycias..(Freed-man of Fulvius)..Mr G. BENNETT,
Davus,..(an Usurer)..Mr W. BENNETT,
Athenians..Messrs. Montgomery, Gilbeigh, J. Smith,
Paulo, Burdett, &c.
Decius..Mr LYNNE, Mutius..Mr WALDRON,
Festus..Mr MELLON,
Roman Centurion.. Mr Bender.
Roman Citizens..Messrs Hughes, Yarnold, &c.
Sophronia (betrothed to Gissippus) Miss H. FAUCIT,
Hero..(Her Friend)..Miss TURPIN,

After which, O'Keefe's Farce of

The Poor Soldier.

Patrick, Miss P. HORTON,
Capt. Fitzroy Mr MARSTON,
Dermot, Mr ALLEN,
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ADELPHI.—The attractions which Mrs. Yates has put forth for her Benefit night, on Wednesday next, are numerous. The favorite Drama, *The Wreck Ashore*, will be performed, O. Smith playing his original character, *Grampus*. Messrs. Paul Bedford and Wright will appear, for the first time, as *Magog* and *Jemmy Starling*. The celebrated parody duet, from the Burlesque of *Norma*, will be sung by the two latter performers, after the Drama. *Black Eyed Susan* will be played, with T. P. Cooke, and the *beneficiare* in its cast. Mr. Frampton's pupils will execute an appropriate dance in honour of St. Patrick's Day. Mr. Yates will give his "Imitations and Recollections,"—two acts of *The Queen of Cyprus* will be performed, with a host of other allurements. The imitations of actors are most clever. This gentleman has made them quite a feature in the extravaganza of *Tom and Jerry*, which has been played during the week. One of the best "takes off," is the copy of Macready. Mr. Yates leads Wilkinson, or one of the actors on the scene, by the coat, and places him with his back to the audience, then in a guttural tone he imitates his brother manager of Drury to the life. The movement to the front of the stage creates roars of merriment.

BATTY'S OLYMPIC CIRCUS.—In a very few evenings this popular place of amusement will close. We are happy to hear that Mr. Batty's speculation has been attended with as great profit to himself, as it has with amusement to his patrons. The nightly selections of horsemanship and feats of strength are of the most varied description, and defy a minute detail, we shall therefore content ourselves by recommending those who have not as yet been to Batty's to lose no time in going.

On Mrs. Nisbett's laugh, as heard in her *Pamela*, during the representation of the election scene, in *Bubbles of the Day*:

Bless it !—Nisbett's music laugh !
 Nought I know so sweet by half,
 As when from her twins of lips
 Sharp its silver titter trips—
 Still with arrant wit-shafts ringing—
 Still with quips satiric springing :—
 Merriment delighted tells,
 How she there has hosts of spells ;—
 While with wine-stoups toasters quaff—
 " Nisbett's music-laugh !"

Tho' her form be fine and slim—
 Round her head, and braided trim—

Tho' her cheeks, on both sides bright,
 Blend with red and balsam-white—
 Tho' a running sweetness plays,
 O'er her arch capricious ways—
 Tho' before her pranksome wiles,
 Stoic-fronts suffuse with smiles—
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The Poetry, with the exception of the introductory scene, by *GAY*,
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Mr. STANFIELD, R. A. will furnish the Scenic Illustrations.

The Scene is on the Shores of Sicily.

Cupid Miss GOULD,
Acis, a Shepherd Boy..... Miss P HORTON,
Damon, a Shepherd, Mr ALLEN,
Polyphemus, a Cyclops . . . Mr H. PHILLIPS,
Attendant Cyclops, Messrs. Howell and Montgomery.
Galatea, a Sea-Nymph Miss ROMER,

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Prisoner of War.

Captain Channel, R.N., Mr PHELPS,
Lieutenant Basil Firebrace, R.N., Mr ANDERSON,
Tom Heyday, Mr MARSTON,
Beaver.. Mr G. BENNETT, Chenille.. Mr SELBY,
Mr Peter Pall-Mall, Mr KEELEY,
Boaz, Mr M. BARNETT, Nicole, Mr YARNOLD
Gaoler, Mr HUGHES,
Citizens of Verdun. Messrs. C. Smith, Howell,
Montgomery, J. Smith, Bender, &c.
Monsieur La Rose, Mr HANCE, Garçon, Mr STILT,
Captain of the Guard, Mr CONWAY,
English Prisoners, Messrs. Walsh, Collett, George, &c.
Madame La Rose. Mrs C. JONES,
Mad. Violette, Mrs SELBY, Babette, Miss TUKPIN,
Polly Pall-Mall, Mrs KEELEY,
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To conclude with, (25th Time) a New Farce, in One Act, called

The Windmill.

The Marquis de Roueville, Mr MORRIS BARNETT,
Sampson Low, Mr KEELEY,
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HER MAJESTY'S THEATRE.

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THE THEATRICAL OBSERVER.

Wells. The principal characters were taken by Carlotta Grisi, Madlle-Louise Fleury, Coulon and Perrot.

NEW STRAND THEATRE.—Mr. H. Hall will commence a third season at this snug little house on Easter Monday with various novelties, among others a Farce by Selby. The following is a list of the company :—Messrs. A. Young, Attwood, J. S. Balls, J. Saville, M. Watkins, J. W. Collier, Corrie, J. Ridgway, T. Ridgway, H. Hall, M. Cockerill, Romer, H. Butler, Maynard, Saunders, &c., Miss Ellen Daly, Miss R. Yarnold, Miss Collett, Miss Cooke, Miss Scott, Miss Bailey, Miss O'Brien, Miss A. Lee, Mrs. Melville, Miss Marshall, Mrs. Saville, Mrs. Fosbroke, Mrs. Naylor, Mrs. T. Cooke, Miss O'Neil, Mrs. Ridgway, Miss Nicholls, Madlle. Main, Mdlle, Amet. The stage-director will be Mr. A. Y. Broadfoot.

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OLYMPIC.—The Easter novelty to be produced here, is entitled *Dick Whittington and his Cat*.

Miss Binfield Williams, niece and pupil of the late Mr T. Binfield (who, when he died, left her with his widow, but the latter has recently died too) has announced a concert to-morrow, at which numerous members of the profession have kindly promised their gratuitous aid.

Covent Garden Theatrical Fund.—The anniversary festival will be celebrated to-morrow at the Freemasons' Hall, the Duke of Cambridge in the chair. The musical arrangements are on a powerful scale, embracing Miss A. Kemble, Madame Vestris, Miss Rainforth, Miss Hawse, Miss P. Horton, &c., Messrs. Harrison, Leffler, Stretton, &c., while among the instrumental performers may be enumerated Madame Dulcken, pianiste to her Majesty, Mr. and Master Blagrove on the violin and concertina, and Mr. Wright on the harp. An unusually large attendance of visitors is anticipated.

Madame Taglioni, says a letter from St. Petersburg, continues as triumphant as ever ; the Emperor has made the Queen of Dance a splendid present, valued at 10,000 roubles.

Theatre Royal, Dublin.—Miss Cruise made her appearance as *Mrs. Haller*, on Tuesday night, and were we not justified in speaking of her talents from the great success that has attended her brief engagement ; her beautiful portraiture of the erring though penitent wife, would amply justify our pronouncing her one of the best and most original actresses of the day. Her close adherence to nature, which is the great perfection of all acting, and which she never abandons for aught unreal and inconsistent, was in *Mrs. Haller* so strongly marked, that during her interview with the *Stranger*, we lost all idea of her own individuality, and only saw before us the frail woman tremblingly alive to the ever living agony of her disgrace, and full of unutterable love for the husband she had abandoned. We have seen Miss Cruise perform all the characters in which she appeared here, and have no hesitation in pronouncing her *Mrs. Haller* superior even to the best of those beautiful impersonations which have won "golden opinions" from all our contemporaries. From the opening act to the final shriek of hysterical joy with which she recognizes her child, her delineation

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The Poetry, with the exception of the introductory scene, by *GAY*,
The selection and adaptation of the introductory passages, and the entire Orchestral arrangements by Mr. T. COOKE.

Mr. STANFIELD, R. A. will furnish the Scenic Illustrations.

The Scene is on the Shores of Sicily.

Cupid Miss GOULD,
Acis, a Shepherd Boy Miss P. HORTON,
Damon, a Shepherd, Mr ALLEN,
Polyphemus, a Cyclops Mr H. PHILLIPS,
Attendant Cyclops, Messrs. Howell and Montgomery.
Galatea, a Sea-Nymph Miss ROMER,

After which, (19th Time) a Comedy, in 2 Acts, called The

Prisoner of War.

Captain Channel, R.N., Mr PHELPS,
Lieutenant Bazil Firebrace, R.N., Mr ANDERSON,
Tom Heyday, Mr MARSTON,
Beaver.. Mr G. BENNETT, Chenille.. Mr SELBY,
Mr Peter Pall-Mall, Mr KEELEY,
Boaz, Mr M. BARNETT, Nicole, Mr YARNOLD,
Gaoler, Mr HUGHES,
Citizens of Verdun, Messrs. C. Smith, Howell,
Montgomery, J. Smith, Bender, &c.
Monsieur La Rose, Mr HANCE, Garçon, Mr STILT,
Captain of the Guard, Mr CONWAY,
English Prisoners, Messrs. Walsh, Collett, George, &c.
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The first encore of the evening was awarded to Leffler in the opening scene. He gave the cavatina, "Count Almaviva, if you are for dancing," with excellent comic effect, and was deservedly applauded. The duo between *Marcellina*, and *Susanna*, in which they taunt each other, excited much laughter, and was admirably sung. *Cherubino's* aria, "Who I am—what I do," &c. was charmingly sung by Madame Vestris, and received a large share of approbation. *Figaro's* aria, "Now no more every fair one engrossing," was well sung by Leffler, and much applauded. But the ensuing canzone by *Susanna* was the *chef d'œuvre* of the evening. Miss Kemble sang the Page's stanzas with indescribable effect—loud and rapturous *encores* resounded through the Theatre when it was ended the first time. In the second act Mr. Stretton sang "Must I be doomed to anguish," with great skill. The aria, "Fled for ever are those blest moments," was sweetly sung by Miss Rainforth, and the loud *encore* which followed, shewed how much it was appreciated. The duo between the *Countess* and *Susanna*, wherein the former dictates the lines to be written to the Count was also encored—an honour it richly deserved. The recitative and air, "'Tis the moment of meeting," exhibited the wonderful state of perfection to which Miss Kemble's voice has been brought by hard study, and a love of her art. Her tones were clear as a bell, and remained unimpaired after a most trying ordeal—the call for the air a second time. There was much opposition among the considerate members of the audience to this measure, and many were the cries of "shame," but Miss Kemble immediately complied with the demand on her skill, and the result was a triumph to her.

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COVENT GARDEN THEATRE.

LAST evening the amusements were *Bubbles of the Day*, and *Comus*.
The Marriage of Figaro will be played for the second time to-night.
 We subjoin the words of the canzone, sung by Miss Kemble, which
 caused such a sensation on Tuesday :

Ye, who Love's features know but too well,
 Say in this bosom now doth he dwell ?
 Truly revealing all it endures,
 Say, if the feeling answers to yours ?
 'Tis a sensation, I cannot explain !
 Now thrilling pleasure, now cruel pain—
 Now, my blood freezes, now fiercely burns ;
 Then in a moment winter returns.
 Furies within me war seem to wage !
 Yet nought informs me wherefore I rage !
 Heart sadly heaving, sigh after sigh,
 Pulse wildly beating, unknowing why—
 Rest never tasting, morning or night,
 Yet in this torment, finding delight,
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The above composition properly belongs to *Cherubino*, but in the present
 arrangement of the Opera it is given to *Susanna*. The delightful manner
 in which it was sung, nearly drew forth a double encore. The following
 is the second grand effort of Miss Kemble, (the "Deh vieni," of *Il Nozzi*.)

RECITATIVE—SUSANNA.

'Tis the moment of meeting !
 Come, my joy ! come, my blessing !
 My heart is wildly beating.
 Far from my bosom fly all ye doubts distressing ;
 Disturb not the delights my soul possessing !
 New charms my love to this fair scene is lending !
 More beauteous seem these bowers—
 More fragrant these sweet flowers—
 More soft the shadows on the lawn descending !

AIR.

Oh come, no more delay—my bosom's treasure !
 Come where love inviteth—come where calleth pleasure ;

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While kindly stars above their watch are keeping—
While Heaven breathes of Love, and Earth is sleeping !
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Come where in the leafy nook the zephyr playeth—
Where by her sweets opprest, the night-flower waking,
From out her fragrant breath perfume is shaking !
Haste thee my darling, while all the world reposes ;
Oh come ! and I will crown thy forehead fair with roses !

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Mr Peter Pall-Mall, Mr KEELEY,
Boaz, Mr M. BARNETT, Nicole, Mr YARNOLD,
Gaoler, Mr HUGHES,
Citizens of Verdun. Messrs. C. Smith, Howell,
Montgomery, J. Smith, Bender, &c.
Monsieur La Rose, Mr HANCE, Garçon, Mr STILT,
Captain of the Guard, Mr CONWAY,
English Prisoners, Messrs. Walsh, Collett, George, &c.
Madame La Rose. Mrs C. JONES,
Mad. Violette, Mrs SELBY, Babette, Miss TUKPIN,
Polly Pall-Mall, Mrs KEELEY,
Clarina Channel..... Miss FORTESCUE.

To conclude with, (28th Time) a New Farce, in One Act, called

The Windmill.

The Marquis de Roueville, Mr MORRIS BARNETT,
Sampson Low, Mr KEELEY,
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G I S I P P U S.

The Overture and Entre-Acts by Beethoven. The Incidental Music by Mr T. Cooke
The Scene lies at ATHENS through the First Three Acts ; during the Fourth and Fifth at ROME.

The Period is in the reign of Augustus Cæsar.

An interval of more than a year is supposed to occur between the 3 and 4 Acts

Titus Quintius Fulvius.. Mr ANDERSON,
Gisippus.....(his Friend,) Mr MACREADY,
Medon, (brother of Sophronia,) Mr GRAHAM,
Athenian Youths .. Mr ELTON and Mr HUDSON,
Norban..(Page to Sophronia).. Miss E. PHILLIPS,
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Davus,..(an Usurer).. Mr W. BENNETT,
Athenians.. Messrs. Montgomery, Gilbeigh, J. Smith,
Paulo, Burdett, &c.
Decius.. Mr LYNNE, Mutius.. Mr WALDRON,
Festus.. Mr MELLON,
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Leman Rede and Mark Lemon have two pieces accepted by H. Hall for his opening night at the New Strand.

The amount collected at the Covent Garden Theatrical Fund Dinner, on Wednesday, was £710.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Kean in Edinburgh.—These accomplished performers have created a *furor* in Edinburgh. *The Edinburgh Mercury*, a journal noted for the soundness of its criticisms, gives a lengthened detail of the acting of each in *The Gamester*, which Tragedy seems to have been acted with a success very opposite to the cold reception it met with in London, a few weeks since. We extract the following remarks from the above paper : " On Monday evening, Mr. and Mrs. Kean commenced a short engagement, when they each received from a brilliant and overflowing audience an enthusiastic welcome, which they cannot soon forget. The Tragedy performed was *More's Gamester*, which has kept possession of the stage for nearly a century, and which is associated by many with a vivid recollection of Kemble, Siddons, and Cooke, whose great efforts in the respective parts of *Mr. and Mrs. Beverley*, and *Stukely*, occupy a prominent place in the annals of the Drama. We have not time to enter into any great detail of the performance of this Tragedy, and, therefore, we must content ourselves with noticing one or two remarkable passages. When *Stukely* scornfully said—in allusion to *Mrs. Beverley*—"Ay, ay, she'll chide," meaning, of course, her husband's gambling vices, we were particularly struck with the intense emotion which Kean concentrated in that effusion of remorse—"No ! my chidings are all *here !*" The scene where *Beverley*, distracted by his fatal folly, and the phrenzy of remorse, turns violently on his tempter, was also sustained throughout with extraordinary power, and literally excited a tumult of applause. The last scene of all, the death, was sustained with a dread reality.

Mrs. Kean's appearance has created quite a sensation. We do not recollect of any actress of modern times whose delineations approached so near to nature, who had so little the appearance of art. Than her personation of *Mrs. Beverley*, we can conceive nothing more beautiful, or

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Citizens of Verdun, Messrs. C. Smith, Howell,
Montgomery, J. Smith, Bender, &c.
Monsieur La Rose, Mr HANCE, Garçon, Mr STILT,
Captain of the Guard, Mr CONWAY,
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Elder Brother, Mr J. VINING, Younger Brother, Miss FAIRBROTHER,
*Syrens—*Madame VESTRIS and Miss RAINFORTH.

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COVENT GARDEN THEATRE.

Norma, and *Comus*, were the pieces represented here on Saturday evening, and drew a full house.

HER MAJESTY'S THEATRE.

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ADELPHI.—This Theatre closed its doors for the season on Saturday evening; the performances were *The Wreck Ashore*, *Norma*, and *Tom and Jerry*.—The house was crowded in every part. Mr. Yates delivered the following address, which was warmly applauded:

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Mr. and Mrs Yates, accompanied by Paul Bedford and Mr. Wright, proceed directly to Dublin, to fulfil an engagement with Mr. Calcraft, the lessee of the Theatre.

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How to throw a Wreath—a Hint to Claqueurs,—Longinus declares that the excellence of a thing consisteth in the propriety and skill of manner in which it is performed. Thus we learn that to throw a wreath of flowers to a successful *débutante* is much, but to throw it skilfully is more; it must not be thrown as if you pelted her, nor dropped as if you

sought to extinguish her; it must be *insinuated* on the stage. We will give a *recent* case as a rule:—Place your *débutante* (or rather let her place herself) near unto the P. S. Let another damsel, fair exceedingly, be beside her, but on the O. P. range. Then at the very moment when their bosoms heave with emotion, let the *double* wreath glide from your private box, let it gyrate awhile in the gas-impregnated air, and then flutter down to her feet. Let the double wreath be fastened with a thread that can be severed by a snap of the *débutante's* fairy fingers. *How to receive a wreath*—Let the lady drop her eyelids, sigh heavily, and then severing the twine, present one wreath to her fair friend, press the other to her bosom, and glide blushing from the scene.—*Mons. Du Vin on Claqueurism.*

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Drury Lane Theatrical Fund Festival.—The committee appointed to conduct the business of the Drury Lane Theatrical Fund, for the present year, and to manage the ceremonies of the Festival, which his Royal Highness the Duke of Cambridge, as chairman, has graciously commanded to be held on Wednesday, the 13th of April, is composed of the following efficient and zealous members:—Messrs. Harley, treasurer; W. Bennett, secretary; T. Cooke, Fitzwilliam, J. Vining, O. Smith, Charles Jones, Willmott, B. Webster, Cooper, J. Bland, Honner, and William Vining. A communication has been received from Mr. Kean, stating the success of himself and his wife at Glasgow, and forwarding £20 as his donation.

ST. JAMES'S THEATRE.—Amongst the numerous attractions in the fashionable world which promises to render the season, perhaps, unprecedentedly splendid, we have to announce the arrival of Mr. Dobler, artist in natural philosophy to his Majesty the King of Prussia, and probably the first living artist in that science. Mr. Dobler has made a most successful tour through the principal cities of Europe, and has been for a long period "the lion" of the salons of Vienna, Berlin, St. Petersburg, Stockholm, Copenhagen, Amsterdam, &c.; and after having given numerous representation in all the principal Theatres of Germany, Mr. Dobler will make his *début* before an English audience in the hope of meeting with the same distinguished reception that he has everywhere else experienced. Mr. Dobler will, during the Easter week, commence his extraordinary and interesting performances at the St. James's Theatre, where, however they must be limited to about ten or twelve representations. Mr. Dobler is honoured with very flattering letters of introduction from Prince Esterhazy and Prince Metternich at Vienna, and from the Minister Avarow and Count Benhendorf at St. Petersburg, before whom he has exhibited with great success and satisfaction. The performances are of a character perfectly unique, and are remarkable not only for the charming and delightful application of real science, both in physic and mechanics, but also for the very agreeable and comprehensive style in which they are demonstrated. On Tuesday in Easter week will, we believe, be the first performance.

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SURREY.—We hear that preparations for the amusement of the Easter folks here, are not merely various and extensive. but costly. Mr. Willis Jones with a view to the effective production of a grand equestrian spectacle, to be entitled *The Pearl of the Harem, or the Koordish Lover and his Horee Bedu*, has added the celebrated stud of Mr. Batty and that gentleman's company to his own already numerous and powerful establishment. The Drama is from the pen of Mr. J. T. Haines, the distinguished author of the Opera of *Amilie*, who is, we understand, indebted for some of his *materiel* in the present instance to the extremely interesting work written by Frazer, called "Tales of the Caravansera." The author, too, has received considerable aid in his labours by sketches of costume and scenery which have been placed at his disposal by an eminent artist. To give additional effect to the piece, we learn that the circle will in the course of the ensuing week undergo great improvement, and a beautiful method of lighting the ring, as well as the stage, hitherto unattempted, will form one of the novelties of the house. A new Farce is in rehearsal, and, with the above, will be produced on Easter Monday.

We have been assured that there is not a particle of truth in the report which has been circulated at intervals for some time past, that Mrs. Rodwell, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Liston, and wife of the clever composer, G. H. Rodwell, has made an essay on the provincial boards. It has never been her intention, we are informed, to appear as a public singer, and the delicate state of health in which Mrs. Rodwell is, has compelled her husband to relinquish his house at Brompton, and prepare for a continental tour.

Miss Delcy.—We have received letters from several quarters, containing questions relative to this young lady. "Why is Miss Delcy not brought forward?" asks one. "What is become of that accomplished singer, Miss Delcy?" demands another. It is really a thousand pities that so talented a vocalist should not be before the public, estimated so highly as her exertions were, when she made her *début* at Drury Lane, under Mr. Hammond's management. But her father, Mr. Delcy, (or

Mr. Rophino Lacy, as he is better known under the latter title,) has decreed that she shall not sing at concerts unless his daughter's name is printed in capitals as corpulent as those which announce Adelaide Kemble, and that she shall only take such parts as are performed by the latter singer. Miss Delcy was to have appeared at Drury Lane, in *Acis and Galatea*, but some how or other papa has taken it into his head that his own compositions and adaptations are far more masterly than those of Handel, and Miss is kept at home to "waste her warbling on the desert air." As we have said before, it is a thousand pities that so accomplished a singer should be in retirement, and the sooner Mr. Lacy gets his head clear of so superfluous a crotchet, the better.

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Origin of the Opera in Italy.—In a recent Italian journal we find the following statement as to the first origin of the Opera in that "land of song."—About the year 1494, three young noblemen of Florence associated together from a similarity of tastes and habits; and from a love of poetry and music conceived the idea of reviving the recitative of Greek Tragedy. They employed for this purpose the poet Rinuccini, to write a Drama founded on the fable of *Daphne*, and this Drama was put to music by Peri, the most celebrated composer of that period, assisted by the Count Giacomo Corsi, who although only an amateur, still was for that time a good musician. This dramatic compound was represented in private at the Palazzo Corsi. The vocalists were the author and his friends, and the orchestra of the first Opera consisted only of four instruments, viz. a pianoforte, a harp, a violin, and a flute. Airs were not thought at all of, and the recitative, if it may be so called, was only a species of measured intonation, which now would appear insufferably languid and monotonous. It is amusing to observe this Opera in embryo, and compare it with the compositions of Mozart, Cimarosa, and Rossini, and with the performers and the orchestras of the present day; but this confined species of harmony is stated to have produced at the time quite an extraordinary sensation. Four years afterwards the first Opera in music was produced at the Theatre in Florence, entitled *Eurydice*, on the occasion of the marriage of Mary de Medicis. In this instance there was the first introduction of the anacreontic air, and of a chorus at the end of each act. This was

the first imperfect breathing of the airs and chorusses of modern Operas. Monteverde, a musician and a native of Milan, greatly improved the recitative, and brought out the Opera of *Arianna*, the music by Renocini, for the Court of Mantua; and in the Opera of *Giasone*, by Cavalli and Cicognini, brought out in Venice in 1649, we find the first airs corresponding in sense and spirit with the dialogue. The first serious Opera, was brought out at Naples in 1646, entitled *Amor mon ha legge*, and the music was composed by parties whose names are unknown. During half of the last century the Opera did not improve, but, on the contrary, degenerated. It became in Italy, as it was in France, a grand Spectacle to the eye, in which the poetry and music were the last things considered, whilst the scenery, machinery, and decorations were in great favor.

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HAYMARKET THEATRE.

MR. and MRS. CHARLES KEAN will make their first appearance at this Theatre this season on Monday, April 4, in Shakspeare's Tragedy of *Macbeth*.

Sacred Harmonic Society.—Handel's great work, *Israel in Egypt*, was repeated last night by the members of the above society, Exeter Hall. There were nearly four thousand persons present. The performers were Mr. Hobbs, Mr. Phillips, Mr. Giubilei, Miss Dolby, Miss Bireh, and Miss Cubitt. We have only to mention these names to indicate the fact, that ample justice was done to this grand composition of our great master. Though the large Hall was inconveniently crowded, the Oratorio was listened to with undivided attention ; all the well known passages, such as " He gave them hailstones," " The Lord is a man of war," &c. were finely given, and elicited warm applause. Probably the oratorio was never better given by the same parties, much and justly as their previous performances have been eulogised. The band and chorus were on the same scale as heretofore, embracing nearly five hundred performers. They were ably conducted by Mr. Surman.

Pacini's new Opera, entitled *Il Duca di Alba* respecting which more than usual interest has prevailed in Italy, in consequence of the great success attending this composer's last production of *Saffò*, was to have been brought out at the Grand Theatre La Fenice of Venice, on the 28th ult. The new grand Ballet by Viotti, called *Elena di Lepanto*, was nightly increasing in popularity. At the Theatre Benedetto, a new Opera had been produced, with some success, entitled *Lazzaretto*, by Marliani, in which there was some good singing by Signor Goggi, and Signors Monti, Pio, and Batticelli.

At the Theatre Valle, at Rome, a new Opera by the Maestro Buzzi, called *Bianca Capello*, has just been produced. Although it did not realize previous expectation, it contains some fine passages, and the instrumentation is said to be fine, but it is considered too long in its present form.

Pacini's *Saffò* has been brought out at Messina, and received with great applause. At Naples, *Il Proscritto*, a new Opera by Mercadante, has been very indifferently performed. A new Opera, by the Maestro Galli, entitled *Verbeck*, has met with splendid success at Padua.

At the Carlo Felice, at Genoa, a new *prima tenore* singer has just come out, bearing the harmonious name of Musich.

At Novara, for the Benefit of the Poveri della Citta, an amateur appeared for the first time, named Albertazzi, and displayed an excellent voice and good method. He is said to be related to the husband of Madame Albertazzi, (formerly Miss Howson,) so well known and admired

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in this country, and who was to have formed part of the vocal corps at the Italian Opera this season.

Monument to Beethoven.—Extract of a letter dated Dresden, Feb. 27th.—The committee of subscribers to the monument which is to be erected at Bonn, have just adopted the design which was presented to them by our celebrated sculptor M. Ernest Hechnel, who left here yesterday to superintend the erection of the monument.

Mademoiselle Schoberlechner, the *prima donna* who made so brilliant a *debut* at La Scala last winter, has changed her name, to the delight of the Italians, who considered it anything but euphonious; she was recently married at Florence, having in reality filled a part in *Il Matrimonio Segreto*.

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THE grand revival of *Comus*, with the Farce of *The Ringdoves*, and a new romantic legendary Spectacle, entitled *The White Cat*.

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THE School of Reform, *Suzanne*, and *The World of Dreams*. Mr. and Mrs. Kean will appear in *The Lady of Lyons*, on Monday, April the 11th. Mr. Vandenhoff, we hear, is engaged.

ENGLISH OPERA HOUSE.

A Promenade Concert extraordinary will be given to-night for the Benefit of Mons. Basset, the manager.

OLYMPIC.—Moncrief's *Burletta of Rochester*, *The Artful Dodge*, and a new Extravaganza, to be called *Dick Whittington and his Cat*.

NEW STRAND.—This convenient little Theatre throws open its doors for the season under the management of Mr. H. Hall. Three novelties will be produced, bearing the respective titles of *Robert Burns*, *The New Footman*, and *The Conquest of Cupid*.

QUEEN'S.—A new Drama, entitled *Dirty Dick*; or *Jerry Abershaw the Highwayman*, is the Easter production here.

ADELPHI.—Mr. Adams will exhibit his grand Orrery, and deliver a Lecture on Astronomy.

SURREY.—A new Equestrian Spectacle, entitled *The Pearl of the Harem*, will introduce Mr. Batty and his superb stud. A new Farce from the French, called *The Family Man*, will also be brought forward.

VICTORIA.—The new domestic Drama here bears the very romantic title of *The Lucky Horse Shoe*; or *the Lone Chamber of the Silent Highways!* The other entertainments are *Aladdin*, and *The Red Rover*.

Mr. Wilson will give a selected entertainment at the Music Hall, Store Street, this evening, comprising the most popular songs of his vocal Lectures.

ST. JAMES'S.—Mr. Louis Dobler, artist in natural philosophy, will commence a series of representations of *Natural Magic* on Thursday next.

The Covent Garden Theatre season will be brought to a close on the 29th of April—a very early period, according to the usual time for terminating. But it will be remembered that *Madame Vestris* commenced this season much earlier than former ones; and, although she closes so much sooner, yet the number of nights of performance will approach close upon 200, the average duration of theatrical seasons. On the 2nd

of May, the Germans commence, and not the third week in May, as stated in several papers.

Mr. Yates and his little Adelphi company will open in Dublin with Jerrold's Comedy, *Bubbles of the Day*, Yates playing Farren's part of *Lord Skindeep*.

Mr. Lyon, from the Adelphi Theatre, is engaged at the Sadler's Wells Theatre, where he appears to-night.

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Elder Brother, Mr J. VINING, Younger Brother, Miss FAIRBROTHER,

*Syrens—*Madame VESTRIS and Miss RAINFORTH.

In Act II. Cupid, Miss DOWTON,

Genius of the Frozen Clime, Mr HODGES,

Euphrosyne, Madame VESTRIS, Sabrina, Miss RAINFORTH,

After which, the Farce of

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Sir Harry Ringdove, Mr F. MATTHEWS,

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Rosse, Mr ELTON, Lenox, Mr MARSTON.
Monteith, Mr HARCOURT, Angus, Mr CARLE,
Caithness, Mr MONTGOMERY,
Fleance, Miss PHILLIPS, Seyton, Mr SELBY,
Siward, Mr YARNOLD, Physician, Mr MELLON,
1st Officer, Mr LYNNE, 2nd Officer, Mr BENDER,
3rd Officer, Mr HOWELL,
4th Officer Mr C. J. SMITH,
First Apparition, Mr SEIVIER,
Second Apparition Miss GREENE,
Third Apparition, Miss HOWARD,
Lady Macbeth Mrs WARNER,
Gentlewoman, Miss TURPIN,
Hecate Mr H. PHILLIPS,
1st Witch, Mr G BENNETT,
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Uric, Mr SELBY, Master of the University, Mr Mellon,
Landlord, Mr Welsh,
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Damon, a Shepherd, Mr ALLEN,
Polyphemus, a Cyclops Mr H. PHILLIPS,
Attendant Cyclops, Messrs. Howell and Montgomery.
Galatea, a Sea-Nymph Miss ROMER.

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Prisoner of War.

Captain Channel, R.N., Mr PHELPS,
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Tom Heyday, Mr HUDSON,
Beaver.. Mr G.BENNETT, Chenille.. Mr SELBY,
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HAYMARKET THEATRE.

YESTERDAY evening the performances were Bernard's Drama, *Marie Ducange*, *The Woman Hater*, and *The World of Dreams*.

OLYMPIC.—Moncrief's very laughable Drama of *Rochester* was revived at this Theatre on Monday, with Fitzjames as *Rochester*, and C. Baker as the Merry Monarch, *Buckingham* by Halford, and *Ladies Lovelaugh and Gay*, by Misses Hamilton and Arden. The revival was very well performed, and commenced a course of merriment which was well kept up by *The Artful Dodge* its follower. A new Farce, by Mr. Stirling, yclept *Peter Priggins* was likewise well received, but the great novelty here is by Mark Lemon. *Dick Whittington and his Cat* is the title of this Easter Burletta, which was hailed with shouts of applause by a closely packed audience.

NEW STRAND.—The first novelty of the present season is a Drama from the prolific pen of Mark Lemon, founded on the adventures of Robert Burns, whose name the piece bears. The *real* life of Scotland's poet is taken to pieces wofully for the sake of dramatic effect; the object of the author, however, is to set forth the principles and passions which appear to have guided the Bard of Ayr whilst contending with his early difficulties—in this he has succeeded. H. Hall plays *Burns*, and Romer *Souter Johnny*. The other parts are ably filled. The scene of the brigs of Ayr is a splendid one. The second novelty is called *The New Footman*, and is one of those broad Farces which the pen of Mr. C. Selby (its author,) is so successful in producing. A literary housemaid played by Ellen Daly, and a blundering footboy, acted by Corrie, are the

principal characters in the Farce, which abounds in practical jokes. The third novelty is a compound of gods, goddesses, and mortals—an original celestial, terrestrial Burletta, named *The Conquest of Cupid; or, Love against Lucre*, from the brain of Mr. L. Redé. Miss Daly is the *Cupid*, and Mr. A. Younge the God of lucre. The most lively part in the piece is Mr. H. Hall's—that of an Irish haymaker. The scenery is admirable, the tableaux effective, and the music well selected. Miss Daly, who was labouring under a severe cold was obliged to omit her songs in the last piece yesterday evening. We sincerely hope the numbers of persons who crowded this Theatre last night may not be diminished during the season.

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Gisippus.....(his Friend,)..... Mr MACREADY,
Medon, (brother of Sophronia,) Mr GRAHAM,
Athenian Youths.. Mr ELTON and Mr HUDSON,
Norban.. (Page to Sophronia).. Miss E. PHILLIPS,
Lycias.. (Freed-man of Fulvius).. Mr G. BENNETT,
Davus,.. (an Usurer).. Mr W. BENNETT,
Athenians.. Messrs. Montgomery, Gilbeigh, J. Smith,
Paulo, Burdett, &c.
Decius.. Mr LYNNE, Mutius.. Mr WALDRON,
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The Windmill.

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VICTORIA.—The Easter-Monday Melo-drama at this thriving establishment, was entitled *The Lucky Horse Shoe ; or, the Lone Chamber of the Silent Highway !* This domestic Drama was originally produced under Mr. Hammond's unfortunate management of Drury Lane, when it was called *Woman's Trials*. It was at the latter period deservedly hissed off the boards of the national Theatre. Now the case is altered ; by a very ingenious contrivance on the part of its talented (?) author, the Drama has been rendered extremely attractive to the Lambeth Marsh inhabitants. The Romance of *Aladdin and the Wonderful Lamp*, with the Nautical Drama of *The Red Rover*, are the other performances.

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From Perth to Pondicherry—

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No dog so small, exists at all,

Of that I'm certain, very !

Our dad, who's no Dogberry,

Is only making merry,

And holds up thus

His crown, for us

To bob at like a cherry !

You might row in a wherry

From here to Chelsea Ferry,

And not turn up

So small a pup,

I'll bet a pipe of sherry !

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Though out on sprees—

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ADELPHI.—Mr. Adams's Lectures on Astronomy have been attended we are glad to hear with perfect success.

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BasilioMr C. WHITE,
Antonio, Mr G. HORNCASTLE,
Susanna.....Miss ADELAIDE KEMBLE,
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Athenian Youths . Mr ELTON and Mr HUDSON,
Norban..(Page to Sophronia).. Miss E. PHILLIPS,
Lycias..(Freed-man of Fulvius).. Mr G. BENNETT,
Davus...(an Usurer).. Mr W. BENNETT,
Athenians.. Messrs. Montgomery, Gilbeigh, J Smith,
Paulo, Burdett, &c.
Decius.. Mr LYNNE, Mutius.. Mr WALDRON,
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HAYMARKET THEATRE.

As You Like It was repeated on Saturday evening with *The Woman Hater*, and *Foreign Affairs*. Mr. Stuart's *Jaques*, we have already said, is talented. Mr. H. Holl, who has just made a very successful *debut*, is a comedian of high abilities. He has all the requisites necessary for an actor—an easy and graceful carriage, joined to a good figure, and a pleasing countenance. His voice too, the main requisite, is powerful, and well modulated. We are inclined to think that Mr. Holl will be found an extremely useful member of Mr. Webster's company, and there is no chance of his being kept in the background for fear his abilities should be too highly estimated, which is too often the case at many Theatres, where the head of the department must be supreme star.

Drury Lane Theatrical Fund Festival.—The members of the committee selected to make arrangements for the forthcoming anniversary dinner on the 13th instant, have redoubled their exertions during the past week in the cause of their poorer brethren of the "sock and buskin," and although their efforts have been rewarded with success, still in these "pip-ing times of peace" it requires almost more than mortal energy to render that success permanently substantial. The attractions, however, (as at present ascertained) are in themselves powerful, inasmuch as the Duke of Cambridge will take the chair, and it has been reported that Prince George is likely to make his first appearance at a public dinner held for charitable purposes. Mr. Tom Cooke, in addition to his able direction of the musical department, has composed expressly for the occasion a new ode, addressed to charity, and in the course of the evening the following musical professors (who gratuitously give their eminent services) will contribute to the entertainment of the company:—Miss Maria B. Hawes, Miss Romer, Miss P. Horton, Miss Wright, (harp,) F. Reeve, Fitzwilliam, S. Jones, &c.

The following are the amusements at the various Minor Theatres during the present week:—Olympic, the revived *Burletta* of Rochester, a

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Don Curzio.....(Acalde).....Mr A. WIGAN,
Figaro, Mr LEFFLER,
BasilioMr C. WHITE,
Antonio, Mr G. HORNCASTLE,
Susanna..... Miss ADELAIDE KEMBLE,
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Macduff, Mr PHELPS,

Rosse, Mr ELTON, Lenox, Mr MARSTON.
Monteith, Mr HARCOURT, Angus, Mr LAKE,
Caithness, Mr MONTGOMERY,

Fleance, Miss PHILLIPS, Seyton, Mr SELBY,
Siward, Mr YARNOLD, Physician, Mr MELLON,
1st Officer, Mr LYNNE, 2nd Officer, Mr BENDER,
3rd Officer, Mr HOWELL,

4th Officer Mr C. J. SMITH,
First Apparition, Mr SEIVIER,

Second Apparition Miss GREENE,

Third Apparition, Miss HOWARD,

Lady Macbeth Mrs WARNER,
Gentlewoman, Miss TURPIN,

Hecate Mr H. PHILLIPS,

1st Witch, Mr G BENNETT,

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Spirits, Witches, &c. by

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HAYMARKET THEATRE.

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Drury Lane Theatrical Fund.

We omitted to mention in the list of ladies and gentlemen who have volunteered their eminent services at the approaching festival, the names of Mr. Giubilei, and his talented pupil, Miss Poole. They were among the first who came forward in aid of the Fund.

Park Theatre.—The glorious old Park Theatre hastaken a new lease of life. On Monday *The School for Scandal* was played, in one respect, in a superb style. All new scenery (rich in the extreme) and appointments. It was a rich treat to see this fine old Comedy brought out as it ought to be ; the dresses and costumes to suit the time in which the

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Mr Chatham Brown, M. P. . . . Mr J. VINING,
Mr Mellon . . Mr WALTER LACY,
Mr Spreadweasel Mr BARTLEY,
Malmsey Shark . . Mr MEADOWS,
Waller Mr HEMMING,
Kimbo . . Mr BRINDAL,
Corks Mr GRANBY,
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Polyphemus, a Cyclops Mr H. PHILLIPS,
Attendant Cyclops, Messrs. Howell and Montgomery.
Galatea, a Sea-Nymph Miss ROMER,

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Prisoner of War.

Captain Channel, R.N., Mr PHELPS,
Lieutenant Basil Firebrace, R.N., Mr ANDERSON,
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Beaver.. Mr G. BENNETT, Chenille.. Mr SELBY,
Mr Peter Pall-Mall, Mr KEELEY,
Boaz, Mr M. BARNETT, Nicole, Mr YARNOLD,
Gaoler, Mr HUGHES,
Monsieur La Rose, Mr HANCE, Garçon, Mr STILT,
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Titus Quintius Fulvius.. Mr ANDERSON,
Gisippus.....(his Friend,) Mr MACREADY,
Medon, (brother of Sophronia,) Mr MARSTON,
Athenian Youths . Mr ELTON and Mr HUDSON,
Norban..(Page to Sophronia).. Miss E. PHILLIPS,
Lycias..(Freed-man of Fulvius).. Mr G. BENNETT,
Davus,..(an Usurer).. Mr W. BENNETT,
Athenians.. Messrs. Montgomery, Gilbeigh, J Smith,
Paulo, Burdett, &c.
Decius.. Mr LYNNE, Mutius.. Mr WALDRON,
Festus.. Mr MELLON,
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THE QUAKER

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THE house was filled in every corner last evening. The entertainments were *The Marriage of Figaro*, and *The White Cat*.

HAYMARKET THEATRE.

LAST night the Play of *The Stranger* was performed here. Mr. C. Kean acted the Stranger, in the masterly style which characterizes all the assumptions of this actor. Mrs. Kean was the *Mrs. Haller*, and a more feeling performance we never witnessed. Although *The Stranger*, as we have often observed, is a piece which we thoroughly dislike, such acting as Mr. and Mrs. Kean exhibited last night, would render any Play palatable. Stuart played *Baron Steinfort*, Widdicombe, *Peter*, Strickland, *Solomon*, and Vining, *Francis*. *Foreign Affairs*, and *My Wife's Dentist*, were the other amusements. The Queen and Prince Albert, attended by the Dowager Lady Lyttelton, Lady Caroline Cocks, the Earl of Warwick, Major General Wemyss, and Colonel Bouverie, honoured this Theatre with their presence last night.—The house was crowded.

ADELPHI.—This Theatre will be re-opened on Monday next by Mr. Younge, another wonderful magician, who puts forth a concert and dancing in addition to his own powers of attraction.

Death of Mr. Ellar, the Harlequin.—Poor Ellar, the most celebrated Harlequin of his day, died on Monday last at the advanced age of 62, at his lodgings, No. 15, Mount Row, Lambeth. He has left a wife and child totally unprovided for.

The Opera.—A grand rehearsal of the *Lucia di Lammermoor* took place yesterday, with Persiani, Guasco, and Giorgio Ronconi. They were all in admirable voice, and we anticipate a brilliant success to-night for the new star, Giorgio Ronconi.

We have heard that Madame Vestris has lately signed an agreement by which she has become the lessee of Covent Garden Theatre for three years.

Herr Muller and Signor Casolani give a grand Concert at the English Opera House on Wednesday next, and on Wednesday, April 20th, a Grand Bal Travesti et Masqué will be given at the same place.

Spontini.—The complications which have so long existed in regard to the official position of this composer at Berlin, have been lately adjusted by a cabinet order of the King. He has to retain all his pay and titles, but not to be connected any longer with the general direction of music, and the drama, and his Majesty wishes, in fine, that Spontini should henceforth devote himself exclusively to composition.

The candidates for the seat in the *Académie des Beaux Arts*, vacated by the death of Cherubini, are Messrs. Adam, Berlioz, Onslow, Rijel, and Zimmerman.

First Play Bill issued from Drury Lane Theatre.—April 8, 1663, is the date of the first play-bill that issued from Drury Lane Theatre:—(Copy.)—By his Majesty his Company of Comedians, at the New Theatre, in Drury-Lane, This day, being Thursday, April 8, 1663, will be acted a Comedy, called *The Humourous Lieutenant*, the King, Mr. Wintersell, Demetrius, Mr. Hart, Selerius, Mr. Burt, Leontus, Major Mahon, Lieutenant, Mr. Glyn, Celia, Miss Marshall. The Play will begin at 3 o'clock exactly; Boxes 4s. Pit 2s. 6d. Middle Gallery, 1s. 6d. Upper Gallery 1s.

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Lord Skindeep, M. P. Mr W. FARREN,
Sir Phenix Clearcake . . Mr HARLEY,
Captain Smoke Mr CHARLES MATHEWS,
Mr Brown . . Mr F. MATTHEWS,
Mr Chatham Brown, M. P. . . . Mr J. VINING,
Mr Mellon . . Mr WALTER LACY,
Mr Spreadweasel Mr BARTLEY,
Malmsey Shark . . Mr MEADOWS,
Waller Mr HEMMING,
Kimbo . . Mr BRINDAL,
Corks Mr GRANBY,
Miffin . . Mr A. WIGAN,
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Acis and Galatea.

Cupid Miss GOULD,
Acis, a Shepherd Boy Miss P HORTON,
Damon, a Shepherd, Mr ALLEN,
Polyphemus, a Cyclops Mr H. PHILLIPS,
Attendant Cyclops, Messrs. Howell and Montgomery.
Galatea, a Sea-Nymph Miss ROMER.

After which, (27th Time) a Comedy, in 2 Acts. called The

Prisoner of War.

Captain Channel, R.N., Mr PHELPS,
Lieutenant Bazil Firebrace, R.N., Mr ANDERSON,
Tom Heyday, Mr HUDSON,
Beaver.. Mr G. BENNETT, Chenille.. Mr SELBY,
Mr Peter Pall-Mall, Mr KEELKY,
Boaz, Mr M. BARNETT, Nicole, Mr YARNOLD,
Gaoler, Mr HUGHES,
Monsieur La Rose, Mr HANCE, Gargon, Mr STILT,
Captain of the Guard, Mr CONWAY,
English Prisoners, Messrs. Walsh, Collett, George, &c.
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HAYMARKET THEATRE.

THE prettiest Farce we have witnessed for many an evening was produced at this Theatre on Saturday. The piece bears the *piquante* title of *The Pretty Girls of Stilberg*, and is brimming with *esprit* and incident. Although the scenes are often extremely absurd, it is impossible to avoid laughing at the succession of humorous incidents which chase each other so quickly throughout the piece. The equivoque arises from the display of military ardour made by certain cadets in Napoleon's army towards the pretty girls of the town of Stilberg, at which place, a regiment is stationed. Allured by a grand ball, the "pretty girls" place themselves in the power of their military admirers. The chief captor, Ernest, bears a strong likeness to his Imperial master, and passes himself off as the Emperor, promising to provide each damsel with a husband. The girls are in high glee at the prospect of matrimony, when an old drummer discovers, in the person of one of the fair prisoners, the daughter of a Serjeant, who had formerly stood his best friend by obligingly receiving a ball in action intended for the drummer, although the latter is eternally complaining of the loss of glory occasioned by this incident. The drummer acquaints the girls with the ruse which has been practised upon them, and they prevail upon him to convey a letter complaining of their treatment to the Emperor. A festival, intended to consummate the bridal proposals by the sham Emperor, takes place, and while the officers doze in their chairs worn out with toasting and singing, the "pretty girls of Stilberg" contrive to possess themselves of their swords, and retire to the guard room. The sleeping officers are soon aroused by a cry of "the Russians," accompanied by the sound of drums and fifes. A Russian regiment marches in, and the cadets are made prisoners. The accidental discharge of a musquet causes the brave Russians to scream, and betray their real position—that of the pretty girls of Stilberg. An intimation having meanwhile arrived from Napoleon himself that he is about to visit the barracks, compels the cadets to sue for pardon, which is readily extended by the injured fair ones.

The Farce was admirably acted, and elicited roars of laughter. Mr. Webster, as *Ernest*, played admirably. His personation of Napoleon was excellent, and drew forth several rounds of applause. Strickland, as a tipsy drummer, was also extremely clever, and introduced a song with great comic effect. H. Widdicombe, a performer new to this Theatre, played a jealous gardener with humour, and the pretty girls were not belied by their representatives. The leader is Madame Celeste, who was fascinating in the extreme, and directed the military movements with great precision. She was immensely applauded. Webster was summoned before the curtain at the close of the Farce, and announced *The Pretty*

Girls of Stilberg, for nightly repetition. Madame Celeste was then demanded, and re-appeared, led on by Vining. Another novelty is to be produced immediately, called *A Lover by Proxy*.

At this Theatre, on Thursday next, the Comedy of *The West Indian* will be revived, in which Mr. Malone Raymond, (of the Liverpool Theatre,) will make his first appearance in London in the character of *Major O'Flaherty*.

Mr. Yates.—The friends of Mr. Yates, will be glad to learn that his malady has taken so favourable a turn that Mrs. Yates resumed her professional duty this evening (Saturday,) playing *Lady Amaranth* in the Comedy of *Wild Oats*.—(*Dublin Correspondent*.)

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Malcolm, Mr GRAHAM, Donalbain, MrCARLE,
Macbeth, MrMACREADY, Banquo, MrANDERSON,
Macduff, Mr PHELPS,
Rosse, Mr ELTON, Lenox, Mr MARSTON.
Monteith, Mr HARCOURT, Angus, Mr LAKE,
Caithness, Mr MONTGOMERY,
Fleance, Miss PHILLIPS, Seyton, Mr SELBY.
Siward, MrYARNOLD, Physician, MrMELLON,
1st Officer, Mr LYNNE, 2nd Officer, Mr BENDER,
3rd Officer, Mr HOWELL,
4th Officer Mr C. J. SMITH,
First Apparition, Mr SEIVIER,
Second Apparition..... Miss GREENE,
Third Apparition, Miss HOWARD,
Lady Macbeth Mrs WARNER,
Gentlewoman, Miss TURPIN,
Hecate Mr H. PHILLIPS,
1st Witch, Mr G BENNETT,
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Spirits, Witches, &c. by
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HAYMARKET THEATRE.

MORE'S *Gamester* was performed here last night. This is peculiarly a Play which demands the highest resources of the art ; it is fashioned out of the fitful elements of ordinary life—if we except the character of the villain *Stukely*, where the ambition of the author has evidently been to re-cast the *Iago* of Shakspeare, and on which his skill has been expended until nature has, in some degree, been strained into an effect bold though false. But how easy is it to bring the creations of the dramatist to this test—and yet, looking to the object and end, how difficult is it to show that these perhaps imaginary deviations are not after all essential to the main design. *Beverley* is, unfortunately, too true a picture ; we behold an honourable and virtuous mind allied, as often happens, to that unsuspecting nature which would impress all else with its own form. Villany under the guise of friendship, prompts to one false step, or a throw at the gambling table—the fatal desire has been engendered, and, " the spark of folly is blown into a flame," which is only quenched when the miserable victim shrivels into nonentity. In the wife of *Beverley*, we have one of those beautiful and yet natural delineations which awakens the admiration as powerfully as it arrests the sympathies.

Mr. Charles Kean's representation last night was a perfect triumph of acting. Many actors have personated *Beverley* in London during the last few years, but until the above performance the Play has been invariably received with coldness. This was particularly the case not many evenings ago, at Drury Lane, when the chilling reception the revival met with caused an immediate withdrawal of the piece. The effect produced by Mr. Kean upon his hearers was electrical, and there was a perfect tumult of applause throughout the representation. His scenes of wild and reckless despair were horrifying, and the force of his death scene cannot be described. That Kean can soar into the highest regions of passion, is shown by that most unequivocal of all evidence, the startling effect on his audiences. The great features in his style are a prevailing intensity and earnestness ; he at one time arouses the spectators by the development of the more stormy passions of our nature, and at another, overpowers every heart by the still yet profound expression of that agony of woe " to which joy hath no balm and affliction no sting." Mrs. Kean, as the wife of *Beverley*, played with consummate power and delicacy. Her performance was all that art could accomplish, and she was loudly applauded.

Both were rapturously recalled at the conclusion of the Tragedy. Mr. Stuart played *Stukely* with great force, and the cast altogether could not

have been better. *The Pretty Girls of Stilberg*, and *The Boarding School*, were the afterpieces.—The Theatre was crowded to excess. Mr. Tilbury is engaged here, and will make his first appearance to-night as *Trot*, in *Town and Country*.

PRINCESS'S THEATRE.—There is some misunderstanding between the assignees of Mr. Hamlet and Mr. Montague, who purchased the Princess's Theatre, Oxford Street, relative to the fixtures, &c., which will prevent the house being let at present.

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Elder Brother, Mr J. VINING, Younger Brother, Miss FAIRBROTHER,
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Genius of the Frozen Clime, Mr HODGES,
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My Wife's Mother

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Damon, a Shepherd, Mr ALLEN,
Polyphemus, a Cyclops Mr H. PHILLIPS,
Attendant Cyclops, Messrs. Howell and Montgomery.
Galatea, a Sea-Nymph Miss ROMER.

After which, (28th Time) a Comedy, in 2 Acts. called The

Prisoner of War.

Captain Channel, R.N., Mr PHELPS,
Lieutenant Bazil Firebrace, R.N., Mr ANDERSON,
Tom Heyday, Mr HUDSON,
Beaver.. Mr G. BENNETT, Chenille.. Mr SELBY,
Mr Peter Pall-Mall, Mr KEELEY,
Boaz, Mr M. BARNETT, Nicole, Mr YARNOLD,
Gaoler, Mr HUGHES,
Monsieur La Rose, Mr HANCE, Gargon, Mr STILT,
Captain of the Guard, Mr CONWAY,
English Prisoners, Messrs. Walsh, Collett, George, &c.
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LAST night, *Town and Country*, *The Pretty Girls of Stilberg*, and *Foreign Affairs*, were the entertainments. In the former Mr. Tilbury appeared for the first time as *Trot*, and was very favorably received. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Kean will, this evening, perform, for the first time in London, the characters of *Claude Melnotte* and *Pauline Deschappelles*, in Bulwer’s Play of *The Lady of Lyons*.

ADELPHI.—Mr. Young, a professor of magic, who has been performing recently, with very great success at Brighton, commenced a series of entertainments on Monday evening, on the scene which the Wizard of the North has not long quitted—the Adelphi Theatre. In person and voice the new comer very much resembles Mr. Anderson, and he is almost if not quite equal to the latter, whose necromantic feats are vivid in the recollection of our readers. The programme of delusions is a very excellent one, and the sleight of hand feats are executed with surprising skill. But the taste for this kind of entertainment is passing away, and Mr. Young has wisely provided additional attractions in the shape of music and dancing. A juvenile Ballet of Action was executed by the pupils of Mr. Frampton, and gave great satisfaction. We may particularly notice the dancing of a Master Webb, who possesses much comic talent joined to agility. Miss Fanny Wildgoose, a pupil of Madame Dulcken, performed Thalberg’s fantasia on airs from *La Donna del Lago*, in a very brilliant style, on the grand pianoforte. Miss Farrell was much applauded in a pretty ballad, and a Mr. Trenkler nearly gained an encore in the song of “Wanted a Wife.” The celebrated duet from *Norma* was announced to be sung, but we suppose the two young ladies who were to have executed this piece of music were diffident of their abilities. We think it was wisely omitted. We must give Mr. Young great credit for his arrangements, and we trust he will receive the support he deserves.

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Don Curzio.....(Acalde).....Mr A. WIGAN,
Figaro, Mr LEFFLER,
BasilioMr C. WHITE,
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Shylock, (a Jew) Mr MACREADY,
Salerio, Mr LYNNE, Tubal, Mr WALDRON,
Launcelot Gobbo, Mr COMPTON,
Old Gobbo, Mr W. BENNETT, Leonardo, Mr CARLE,
Clerk of the Court, Mr Bender, Servant, Mr Harcourt,
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The Windmill.

The Marquis de Roueville, Mr MORRIS BARNETT,
Sampson Low, Mr KEELEY,
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Drury Lane Theatrical Fund.—The Anniversary Festival took place

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Mr Peter Pall-Mall, Mr KEELEY,
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English Prisoners, Messrs. Walsh, Collett, George, &c.
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MISS KEMBLE repeated the character of *Amina*, in *La Sonnambula*, last evening. She well sustained the high praise allotted to her on the revival of the above popular Opera, and filled her hearers with admiration at the wonderful talent she displayed in both the singing and acting of her difficult part. The last air in the Opera is considered to be the most difficult passage a singer can have to execute—this Miss Kemble sings with a correctness truly surprising. Her voice has been most aptly compared to the mellowness of a flute, and the ease and grace with which she manages it have not been perceptible in an English singer for many years past with the exception of Miss Rainforth. As regards Miss Kemble's acting, what can be more effective than the scene in *La Sonnambula*, where she appears on the verge of the precipice, over which one false step will dash the sleep-walker? But her whole performance is full of intellect, and we are at a loss to know in what episode we should give her most credit for. It is a great pity that Mr. W. Harrison, who has been pronounced by our first ballad singer, to be one of the first tenor singers in Europe, does not take more pains to give an appearance of life to what he sings. The great fault of our English male singers is an unimpassioned delivery. Wilson, although much improved in his acting, makes a very bad stage lover yet, Templeton is worse still, and Harrison sings and acts as if he were an automaton. We may also whisper to this gentleman that an arrogant bearing will never advance him in the eyes of his audience, while it may detract from the merits he possesses. To Mr. Leffler we can give every praise for a very admirable personation of *Count Rodolpho*. His singing is chaste and correct, and his acting is very forcible. Miss Grant plays *Lisa* to perfection, and Mr. G. Horncastle deserves favorable mention in the part of *Alessio*. The scenery is very beautiful. The view of the old watermill is superb. The deserving long tried public servant, Mr. Harley, has announced his Benefit for Thursday next. *Court and City*, and *The White Cat*, with a variety of songs, are to be the entertainments.

HAYMARKET THEATRE.

LAST evening, Cumberland's Comedy of *The West Indian* was performed here, to afford Mr. Malone Raymond, from Liverpool, an opportunity of making an essay of his capabilities in Irish character before a London audience. Mr. Raymond made a most successful *début* in the part of *Major O'Flaherty*, and cannot fail to become a great favorite on the Metropolitan boards. He appeared slightly nervous on his entrance, but the encouragement he received from a very crowded house, quickly relieved him from his *timidité*, and he went through the character in a manner which stamped him a performer well grounded in his profession. Mr. Raymond exhibited an inexhaustible fund of genuine humour throughout the Comedy, and in the last scene this was so unctuous that a perfect torrent of applause ensued. We shall have a further opportunity of judging on Saturday evening, when the Comedy will be repeated, but we opine there can be but little doubt of Mr. Raymond's high ability in the

path he is about to tread. Mr. Holl played *Belcour* in a talented manner, and after Mr. Raymond was called forward, the same compliment was extended to Mr. Holl.

OLYMPIC.—*The Rake's Progress* has been performed here this week, Mr. Leman Rede having re-appeared in the character of the Rake, *Angels and Lucifer's*, *Robinson Crusoe*, and *Whittington and his Cat*, are the other entertainments. A new Drama of peculiar construction will be brought forward on Monday next, entitled *The Ladder of Life; or, Jack in the Water*.

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Cherubino Madame VESTRIS,
Doctor Bartolo, Mr J. BLAND,
Don Curzio.....(Acalde).....Mr A. WIGAN,
Figaro, Mr LEFFLER,
Basilio Mr C. WHITE,
Antonio, Mr G. HORNCASTLE,
Susanna.....Miss ADELAIDE KEMBLE,
The Countess, Miss RAINFORTH,
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Barbarina, Miss LANE,
In Act II.---A FANDANGO,
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Gisippus.....(his Friend,) Mr MACREADY,
Medon, (brother of Sophronia,) Mr MARSTON,
Athenian Youths . Mr ELTON and Mr HUDSON,
Norban..(Page to Sophronia).. Miss E. PHILLIPS,
Lycias..(Freed-man of Fulvius).. Mr G. BENNETT,
Davus,..(an Usurer).. Mr W. BENNETT,
Athenians.. Messrs. Montgomery, Gilbeigh, J Smith,
Paulo, Burdett, &c.
Decius.. Mr LYNNE, Mutius.. Mr WALDRON,
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NEW STRAND.—In addition to the Easter novelties, which continue to run with untiring spirit, Mr. Hall has added the famous Burlesque of *Othello*, which made so great a hit here when W. J. Hammond had the sway of this little house. The characters are much the same as heretofore, with the exception of the sable hero, who is personated by that clever comedian, Corrie. The revival has been hailed with shouts of laughter, and we are to be presented immediately with another Burletta of similar construction—a parodied edition of *Macbeth*.

ST. JAMES’S.—Herr Louis Dobler, who has made his *debut* here as Professor of Natural Magic, has sustained the reputation which he gained on the Continent. His feats are really magical.

QUEEN’S.—A novelty has been produced at this Theatre—a novelty indeed, for we do not remember to have witnessed a piece of the kind before. It is styled a “ nautical superstition ! ” This is quite a new class of drama. However, we will not quarrel with the term, and it is useless to condemn the wretched dialogue of *The Death Hand ; or, the Shadow of the Deep*—we can only lament the short-sightedness of an audience in allowing such trash to be forced into their ears by such a genius as “ T. P. Taylor, Esq.” The “ superstition,” we hear, has been very successful. If we were inclined to go through the plot, we should be at a loss how to proceed about it, we will therefore merely state that the principal characters consist of—a master of a tenantless mill,—a reprobate,—a mariner mate,—a rich farmer,—a village barber,—a skipper of a dark craft,—an attorney,—an Italian seaman,—a wanderer,—a mysterious personage,—a postmistress,—and a bride. The scenery, the only redeeming feature of the “ superstition ” is highly picturesque, and one or two of the scenes are worthy of a house with far greater pretensions than the Queen’s. We perceive that a new Swiss Operatic Drama is to be produced on Monday.

ENGLISH OPERA HOUSE.

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Captain Smoke. Mr CHARLES MATHEWS,
Mr Brown .. Mr F. MATTHEWS,
Mr Chatham Brown, M. P. Mr J. VINING,
Mr Mellon .. Mr WALTER LACY,
Mr Spreadweasel Mr BARTLEY,
Malmsey Shark .. Mr MEADOWS,
Waller Mr HEMMING,
Kimbo .. Mr BRINDAL,
Corks Mr GRANBY,
Miffin .. Mr A. WIGAN,
Pamela Spreadweasel .. Mrs NISBETT,
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Macbeth, MrMACREADY, Banquo, MrANDERSON,
Macduff, Mr PHELPS,
Rosse, Mr ELTON, Lenox, Mr MARSTON.
Monteith, Mr HARCOURT, Angus, Mr LAKE,
Caithness, Mr MONTGOMERY,
Fleance, Miss PHILLIPS, Seyton, Mr SELBY.
Siward, MrYARNOLD, Physician, MrMELLON,
1st Officer, Mr LYNNE, 2nd Officer. Mr BENDER,
3rd Officer, Mr HOWELL,
4th Officer Mr C. J. SMITH,
First Apparition, Mr SEIVIER,
Second Apparition... Miss GREENE,
Third Apparition, Miss HOWARD,
Lady Macbeth Mrs WARNER,
Gentlewoman, Miss TURPIN,
Hecate Mr H. PHILLIPS,
1st Witch, Mr G. BENNETT,
2nd Witch, Mr W. BENNETT, 3rd Witch, Mr McIAN,
Spirits, Witches, &c. by
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Second Apparition Miss GREENE,
Third Apparition, Miss HOWARD,
Lady Macbeth Mrs WARNER,
Gentlewoman, Miss TURPIN,
Hecate Mr H. PHILLIPS,
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ST. JAMES'S THEATRE.

Two Vaudevilles and a three-act Comedy were represented last night at this house. Of the first Play, although from the pen of M. Scribe, little can be said in the way of praise. *La Demoiselle à Marier ; or, La Première Entrevue*, as it is called, was, however, not performed in such a manner as to exhibit his wit or humour to the best advantage, although it enabled M. Gamard, who made his first appearance in it, to prove himself a very useful acquisition to the company. There was want of *ensemble* among the *dramatis personæ*, and a still greater absence of melody in the execution of the *couplets*. *Estelle ; or, Le Pere et la Fille*, another composition of the aforesaid prolific dramatist, fared much better. Though a man who fancies his departed wife has been unfaithful to him, and that he is not the father of his child, is rather a grave subject for so light a piece, M. Scribe has extracted a very pleasing act from it in his best sentimental style. To Mademoiselle Plessy it afforded another opportunity of displaying much feeling and excellent acting in the character of the disowned *Estelle*, who was deservedly recalled by the audience after her *rapatriement* with her sire. In this little M. Oudinot won also his due share of applause ; and M. Gamard invested notary *Fumichon* with a very agreeable *bonhomie*. The entertainments concluded with *La Fausse Agnes ; or, Le Poete Campagnard*, a three act Comedy of a much older date, wherein the heroine frightens out of marriage a conceited provincial *bel esprit*, to whom her parents destine her hand, by persuading him she is an idiot, and thereby secures a husband of her own choice. In this other play Mademoiselle Plessy was equally successful, and acquitted herself with her wonted gracefulness of the frolicsome stratagems allotted to *Agnes*, her *mise* being also *du meilleur gout*. We shall not omit a compliment to M. Cartigny on his very efficient personation of the mystified poet, whom the author has loaded with a rather superabundant stock of ridicules. The Theatre, though not very full, reckoned a good deal of *beau monde*.

Ancient Concerts.—Her Majesty the Queen was present at the rehearsal of the Ancient Concert yesterday morning, attended by the Viscountess Jocelyn, Lord Sidney, and Major-General Wemyss. His Royal Highness Prince Albert was attended by Colonel Bouverie and Mr. Anson. There were also present the Archbishop of York, the Earl and Countess of Westmoreland, Earl Howe, the Earl of Cawdor, and a most numerous

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Boaz, Mr M. BARNETT, Nicole, Mr YARNOLD,
Gaoler, Mr HUGHES,
Monsieur La Rose, Mr HANCE, Garçon, Mr STILT,
Captain of the Guard, Mr CONWAY,
English Prisoners, Messrs. Walsh, Collett, George, &c.
Madame La Rose, Mrs C. JONES,
Mad. Violette, Mrs SELBY, Babette, Miss TURPIN,
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Clarina Channel.....Miss FORTESCUE.

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Ulwin, Mr ALLEN. Heinstein, Mr J. REEVES,
Karl, Mr BINGE, Tolbec, Mr COLLET,
Carlino, ..(an Italian Student,).. Mr S. JONES,
Uric, Mr SELBY, Master of the University, Mr Mellon,
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SHAKSPERIANA.

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Who dares do more is none."

Epitaph by Shakspeare.

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Barbara Bearbinder Mrs Walter Lacy,

At the End of the Play

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Medon, (brother of Sophronia,) Mr GRAHAM,
Athenian Youths .. Mr ELTON and Mr HUDSON,
Norban..(Page to Sophronia).. Miss E. PHILLIPS,
Lycias..(Freed-man of Fulvius,).. Mr G. BENNETT,
Davus,..(an Usurer).. Mr W. BENNETT,
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Paulo, Burdett, &c.
Decius.. Mr LYNNE, Mutius.. Mr WALDRON,
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ADELPHI.—Mr. Young, whose feats of magic we have already noticed, has been successful here. In addition to the concert and dancing, with which his entertainments are interspersed, the London Bell-Ringers have exhibited their harmonious talents to the gratification of the audiences. Various novelties are in store.

VICTORIA.—Benefits have nearly occupied the week. It will not be long before we have to review some fresh productions at Mr. Osbaldiston's very flourishing establishment. Several new Dramas are underlined.

NEW STRAND.—We are most happy to state that the performances at this Theatre continue highly attractive. They have remained unchanged during the present week, but on Monday next *Macbeth* travestie will be produced.

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Captain Smoke Mr CHARLES MATHEWS,
Mr Brown . . Mr F. MATTHEWS,
Mr Chatham Brown, M. P. . . . Mr J. VINING,
Mr Mellon . . Mr WALTER LACY,
Mr Spreadweasel Mr BARTLEY,
Malmsey Shark . . Mr MEADOWS,
Waller Mr HEMMING,
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WHILE Rubini, Tamburini, Lablache, and Grisi, were the several stars which conjointly lent their lustres to the hemisphere of the Italian Opera House, every thing went prosperously for the manager. At present the case is widely different, and if Mr. Lumley suppose that he will be able to keep the house open till the end of the regular season, without a very great change be effected in his management, we can assure him he is woefully mistaken. "Business" has been very bad hitherto—but what can be expected. On Saturday evening Madame Gramaglia, and Signor Ferrari Stella, both singers of the Teatro Reale, Turin, made their débuts with moderate success. The entertainments were a curious compound—*Norma*, in one act, a scena from *Gemma di Vergy*, a *pas favorite* (for the purpose of introducing a new dancer, named Desplaces) and the Ballet of *Giselle*. Madame Gramaglia is what people term a "fine woman," possessing a contr'alto voice of limited compass, (by no means adapted to the Italian Opera House,) and we imagine she will be found useful as a second-rate artiste—*prima donna* she can never be. Signor Stella is an agreeable person as far as appearance goes, and this is all. His voice is half tenor, half soprano, and he is evidently very deficient in musical knowledge. Madame Moltino gained a great deal of applause during the evening. She appears to have established herself with the frequenters of the Theatre, and certes the applause she gained was merited. The new dancer, Desplaces, acquitted himself with great honour. He is graceful and agile, and will prove a powerful rival to Perrot,

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ON Saturday *Bubbles of the Day*, and *The White Cat*, were played at this house. It is, we believe, finally arranged that Charles Kemble shall be sole manager next season, and the report that his daughter, Mrs. Butler, will again essay her abilities, has been contradicted. But, for our own parts, we are firmly convinced that no settled plan is in existence regarding the style of performances to be selected.

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We regret to say that a certain lady, the wife of a talented composer, left her husband the other day for the protection of a foreigner. The

"affair" did not get wind until Saturday, when it was the common theme of dramatic society. We hear that the lady we allude to has returned—not to her husband, but to her father's house where she remains for the present. We refrain from publishing the lady's name from respect to the husband, whose conduct has ever been exemplary and indulgent in the domestic circle. A foreign singer is said to be the seducer.

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Ancient Concerts.—A rehearsal of the fourth concert took place yesterday morning (preparatory to the performance to-morrow evening), under the direction of the Earl of Westmoreland, who was present ; also, the Archbishop of York, Earl Howe, the Earl of Cawdor, the Countess of Westmoreland, the French Ambassador and his Lady, and about four hundred subscribers. The selection is such a one as might be expected from the taste and judgment of Lord Westmoreland, including several splendid compositions from the works of Handel, Mozart, Purcell, Beethoven, Hummel, Luther, Marcello, Pareiello, Zingarelli, Palestrina, Winter, Salvator Rosa, Weber, &c. The principal singers are Caradori Allan, Misses Birch and Dolby, Mario, Ronconi, Lablache, Messrs. Hawkins, Hobbs, Stretton, and Phillips. It is expected that her Majesty

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Host, Mr YARNOLD, Speed, Mr H. HALL,
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Knight, attendant on the Duke Mr Harcourt,
Julia, Miss FORTESCUE,
Silvia, Miss ELLIS, Lucetta, Miss TURPIN,
Minstrels, Miss Gould, Mrs Serle, Mr J. Reeves, &c.

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Prisoner of War.

Captain Channel, R.N., Mr PHELPS,
Lieutenant Bazil Firebrace, R.N., Mr ANDERSON,
Tom Heyday, Mr HUDSON,
Beaver.. Mr G. BENNETT, Chenille.. Mr SELBY,
Mr Peter Pall-Mall, Mr KEELEY,
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The Windmill.

The Marquis de Roueville, Mr MORRIS BARNETT,
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Don Curzio.....(Acalde).....Mr A. WIGAN,
Figaro, Mr LEFFLER,
Basilio Mr C. WHITE,
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Medon, (brother of Sophronia,) Mr GRAHAM,
Athenian Youths .. Mr ELTON and Mr HUDSON,
Norban..(Page to Sophronia).. Miss E. PHILLIPS,
Lycias..(Freed-man of Fulvius).. Mr G. BENNETT,
Davus,..(an Usurer).. Mr W. BENNETT,
Athenians.. Messrs. Montgomery, Gilbeigh, J. Smith,
Paulo, Burdett, &c.
Decius.. Mr LYNNE, Mutius.. Mr WALDRON,
Festus.. Mr MELLON,
Sophronia (betrothed to Gissippus) Miss H. FAUCIT,
Hero..(Her Friend).. Miss TURPIN,

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Acis and Galatea.

Cupid..... Miss GOULD,
Acis, a Shepherd Boy..... Miss P. HORTON,
Damon, a Shepherd, Mr ALLEN,
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Cherubino Madame VESTRIS,
Doctor Bartolo, Mr J. BLAND,
Don Curzio.....(Acalde).....Mr A. WIGAN,
Figaro, Mr LEFFLER,
BasilioMr C. WHITE,
Antonio, Mr G. HORNCastle,
Susanna.....Miss ADELAIDE KEMBLE,
The Countess, Miss RAINFORTH,
Marcellina.....Miss GRANT,
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H A M L E T, Prince of Denmark.

Claudius, King of Denmark, Mr G. BENNETT,

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Laertes, Mr ELTON,

Horatio Mr GRAHAM,

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Bernardo..Mr BYNGE, Francisco..Mr YARNOLD,

First Actor..Mr WALDRON,

Second Actor Mr BENDER,

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Sailor, Mr C. J. SMITH,

Ghost of Hamlet's Father Mr PHELPS,

Gertrude, Queen of Denmark, Mrs WARNER,

Ophelia, Miss P. HORTON,

Actress..... Miss TURPIN.

After which, (35th Time) the Opera (not divided into Acts) of

Acis and Galatea.

Cupid..... Miss GOULD,

Acis, a Shepherd Boy..... Miss P HORTON,

Damon, a Shepherd, Mr ALLEN,

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HAYMARKET THEATRE.

LAST night, *The Lady of Lyons*, *A Lover by Proxy*, and *The Pretty Girls of Stilberg*, were performed here to a crowded house. This evening Sheridan Knowles's Comedy of *The Love Chase* will be revived at this Theatre with new scenery, dresses, &c., for the purpose of introducing Mrs. Nisbett and Mrs. Glover in their original characters of *Constance* and *Widow Green*.

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Alessio, Mr G. HORNCastle.

Notary.....Mr A. WIGAN,

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Lisa, Miss GRANT.

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Captain Patter .. Mr C. MATHEWS,

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Edward, Miss VINING,
Harmony's Servant Mr BENDER,
Placid's Servant, Mr C. J. SMITH,
Sir Robert's Servant..... Mr SIEVIER,
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